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ITALY TRIES AGAIN WITH TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is unconfirmedly reported that Italy has approached Turkey asking the latter's co-operation should Russia attempt to get some advantages in the Balkans.

Apparently Italy's design is to estrange Turkey from the Allies and neutralise the practical effects of the Anglo-Franco-Turkish Pact.

It is recalled that a few months ago Turkey refused to sign a non-aggression pact with Italy.—Havas.

LABOUR TROUBLE IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

LABOUR TROUBLE FLARED AT THE SHANGHAI DOCKYARD LTD. YESTERDAY WHEN RIOTING BY A LARGE CREW OF CHINESE DOCK-HANDS PREVENTED THE NORWEGIAN STEAMER FERNMOOR FROM SAILING.

Three Russian employees of the company were badly beaten up and removed to hospital.

The quick appearance of nearly 100 police saved the situation from seriousness and restored complete order. Last night all was quiet, with 900 dockhands on strike.—Reuter.

FINLAND'S HEAVY TASK

Helsinki, To-day.

The Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, M. Kolyisti, stated yesterday that no pressure was being brought on Finnish families to leave the areas ceded to Russia, but none of them wanted to live under a Soviet regime.

An immense task had to be faced and there were grave economic and social problems ahead.

Every effort would be made in re-establishing evacuated families to keep old neighbours in close association.—Reuter.

U.S. MORAL EMBARGO AGAINST SOVIET?

Washington, To-day.

Talk of the imposition of a moral embargo against the supply of any essential materials to Soviet Russia is going the rounds of Congress circles.—Reuter.

Daring Coup In Main Street

(Special to "China Mail" From Our Own Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

CHICAGO GANGSTERS COULD NOT HAVE BETTERED THE SLICKNESS OF THE TRIO OF ARMED GANGSTERS WHO HELD UP AN ARMOURER CAR BELONGING TO THE BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ESCAPED WITH OVER \$30,000 IN NOTES THIS MORNING.

The hold-up occurred in one of the principal thoroughfares of the French Concession, at the intersection of Rue Cardinal Mercier and Route Vallon.

The Bank's armoured car was proceeding from the head office in the International Settlement to a branch in the French Concession, when the three gunmen, who had a hired car waiting, emulating Chicago gangsters, jumped on the running board and

brought the vehicle to a stop. The chauffeur, guard and two clerks in charge of the vehicle were all unarmed and were unable to offer any resistance.

The hold-up occurred shortly after eight o'clock this morning and it was all over within a fraction of a minute, before anyone in the street was aware of anything untoward.

PLANNED COUP

The gangsters appeared to have planned every detail of the coup well ahead, snatched up the bag containing thirty thousand dollars and were soon speeding away in their waiting hire-car.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE "FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG" APPEARS TO HAVE OVERLOOKED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PROPAGANDA MINISTRY.

In a leading article, it says that the Russo-Finnish peace has come at the right time.

"It was brought about by German diplomacy," the paper continues. "It was made perfectly clear in Stockholm that Germany would not tolerate the passage of Allied troops to Finland. There would have been no protest on paper, but by force of arms."—Reuter.

NAZI S.S. HANNOVER SALVAGED

London, To-day.

The Nazi steamer Hannover, of over 5,000 tons, which was set on fire by her crew when intercepted, has been towed into Kingston, Jamaica, by a British warship, the fire having been extinguished.—Reuter.

STALIN CALLS MEETING OF SUPREME COUNCIL

Moscow, To-day.

Stalin has issued a decree calling a meeting of the Supreme Soviet Council for March 27.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy generally, some drizzle or mist.

TREATY SIGNERS IN HELSINKI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish peace delegation yesterday arrived in Helsinki from Moscow via Stockholm.

The peace treaty provides that Finnish troops will be withdrawn from the territories ceded to Russia between March 15 and 25, except in the Petsamo sector, where the time is extended till April 10.

Hangoo must be given over to Russia before March 23.

It is understood that 250,000 Finns in the new Russian territory will be transferred to other parts of Finland. Three important towns handed over to the Soviet are Viborg, Kexholm and Sortavala.

The part of Karelia taken by Russia is a rich industrial region, mainly of wood and cellulose at Pitkaranta.

Viborg is the main export port for Finnish wood and the Finns will now have to export timber through Kotko, the most eastern Finnish port.—Havas.



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PEACE BAN ON PREMIERS AND U.S.A.

When the war is over, don't let the United States have anything to do with the peace, says Mr. A. P. Herbert, M.P.

And Lord Riverdale, head of the British Air Mission to Canada, advocates another ban. Keep Prime Ministers out of the peace conference—that's his idea.

"I would like to see some well-chosen youths of this and other countries go to the peace conference," Lord Riverdale told Scouts at Sheffield.

"I hope we shall never make the mistake of sending Prime Ministers again."

"We want ambassadors, and men who have been all over the world and understand geography and history, and are fairly good at arithmetic."

Mr. Herbert, at a Press Club luncheon in London, said: "As regards that grand old neutral—or rather that chronic neutral—America, I will say this:

"By all means let America do what she will about the war—that is her right. But don't let her have anything to do with the peace."

"Last time she left us with a large baby called the League of Nations, and now she is, I understand, busily engaged in dressing up its poor little corpse and calling it Federal Union."

COMMITTEE ON DAMAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai, To-day.

A committee has been formed here by local Americans to investigate exactly how many claims for damage to American property in China are held against Japan, and how much restitution has been made by the Japanese Government.

The committee held its first meeting yesterday and intends to make public a statement on its findings as soon as it arrives at the basic facts.—Reuter.

CONTROL OF TINNED GOODS

London, To-day.

Tinned and bottled fruits have been added to the list of goods which may not be imported into Great Britain except under licence.

It is stated there are very large stocks in this country and imports have greatly increased since the war, largely from the United States.

It therefore becomes necessary to control imports in order to conserve exchange. It will also have the effect of saving tonnage and preventing the accumulation of unnecessary large stocks.—Reuter.

ROME-BERLIN BARTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Rome, To-day.

It is believed in Italy that under the new coal agreement with Germany, Italy will provide the Nazis with agricultural products.

Italy will obtain about 12,000,000 tons of coal a year from Germany and this, added to Italy's own production, will cover her needs and make her independent of British and American coal.

Germany's coal deliveries to Italy will be made by rail at a monthly rate of 1,000,000 tons.—Havas.

GENERAL WAVELL TO MEET GEN. SMUTS

Capetown, To-day.

General Wavell, in charge of British forces in the Middle East, is to meet General Smuts and South African military leaders in Capetown this week. He is travelling by air and has already conferred with military leaders in Kenya and Rhodesia.—Reuter.

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LONDON ANALYSES THE GOEBBELS PROPAGANDA

LONDON, TO-DAY.
**THE APPROVAL WITH WHICH THE ONEROUS
PEACE IMPOSED ON FINLAND BY THE SOVIET
HAS BEEN GREETED IN NAZI CIRCLES OC-
CASIONS NO SURPRISE IN LONDON.**

The close similarity of the technique to that adopted by the Nazi regime in its aggressions upon other Democracies is in fact the feature of the peace which causes chief anxiety among Finland's British friends and admirers.

The jubilation with which Berlin is heralding the settlement as a defeat for the Allies is not so easy to understand.

It is only too well recognised that in the qualified success of Russia's aggression against a peaceful little State a serious defeat has been sustained by those standards of decency, principles of law and ideals of neighbourliness in international relations which all civilised States uphold.

For these the Allies have been compelled to take up arms and it is remarked by some that, if in the mind of Dr. Goebbels these standards and principles are so closely identified with the fortunes of Allied arms that Nazi propaganda finds it impossible to distinguish between a defeat for the one and a defeat for the other it is not, perhaps, for the Allies to complain.

That is a matter in which the Nazis themselves may be allowed to be the best judges and no one here is likely to dispute the verdict implicit in their reaction to the latest triumph of force and ruthlessness.

AUDACIOUS MEASURE

But on no other basis of calculation can observers here understand how the Germans see a reverse for the Allies in the restoration of peace to stricken Finland.

The responsibility for the frustration of the Finnish people's memorable fight for their liberties lies elsewhere than in London and Paris.

"The offer of Allied assistance was given in an effort to avert that cruel miscarriage of an historic heroic resistance. The offer was, in the view of many authorities on strategy, an audacious measure and its implementation was no more likely to have been an asset for the Allies than a liability in the prosecution of the war

against Germany.

"This school finds its thought echoed in neutral comment.

NEW YORK VIEW

For example, the "New York Daily News" writes of the Finnish peace: "Is it a blow to the Allies? We think not. Suppose Finland had called on France and Britain.

The Allied fighting front would have become greatly extended and the strategic advantage would have lain with Germany."

Another consideration which the Nazis are conveniently neglecting in their public rejoicings thought it must loom large in their private reflections, but which is by no means overlooked by onlookers here, has not escaped the notice of the "New York Times" which observes: "It cannot be comfortable for Germany to see Russia extending her naval and military control of the Eastern Baltic. Ribbentrop can hardly boast about the growth of German prestige in consequence of the Finnish-Russian peace."

DUTCH ANALYSIS

Exactly the same point is made by another neutral newspaper—the "Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant"—the cessation of hostilities in Finland leaves the military position in the war against Germany as it was before the Russian invasion began with two important differences.

First, for three months Germany has seen drained off for the Finnish campaign the stores of petrol and other supplies which she had hoped to receive herself and then she sees Russia so disorganised by the unexpected effort of the Finnish campaign as to postpone for many more months the prospects of the Soviets being able to deliver what Germany requires.

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CAXTON HALL OUTRAGE

Condemned By Leaders Of All Parties In India

"AN ACT OF INSANITY," SAYS MR. GANDHI

New Delhi, To-day.

THE LEADERS OF ALL PARTIES in India have unanimously condemned the assassination on Wednesday of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, former Governor of the Punjab, and the wounding of Lord Zetland, Secretary for India, and other members at an Indian Association luncheon by a 37-year-old Indian engineer.

All Government offices in Lahore were closed and flags were flown at half-mast yesterday over Government buildings.

In the Council of State, New Delhi, the Opposition leader moved a resolution condemning the attack and requesting the Council President to convey the deep sympathy of the House towards Lord Zetland.

Mr. Gandhi called it "an act of insanity." He expressed the hope that it will not affect political judgment.

Sundras Bose, the Indian Leftist leader, said: "I regret the assassination, because the chapter of terrorism is closed in Indian history. This was an isolated, unrepresentative incident."

In Calcutta, the Premier of Bengal said that not only India but the whole civilised world was aghast at the shooting.

"The whole of India will join in condemning this abominable tragedy," he said.

The Indian press joins in the general distress at the murder.—Reuter.

Indian Resolution

London, To-day.

Indian clubs and associations yesterday passed a resolution expressing horror at the act of violence and sent their deepest condolences to Lady O'Dwyer and family and their sympathy to the others who were shot.

They included the Indian Students Union; the Moslem Society, the Hindu Association, the Parsee Association, the India League, representatives of the Moslem League, etc.—Reuter.

Commons Statement

London, To-day.

In a House of Commons statement yesterday on the Caxton Hall shooting, the Prime Minister said: "The House will wish to join with me in expressing deep sympathy with Lady O'Dwyer and her family in the tragic loss they have suffered and to ex-

tend to those wounded our good wishes for a rapid recovery.

"I understood their injuries are not grave, and that all are making satisfactory progress."

Mr. Chamberlain, recounting the facts of the affair, gave the name of the charged man as Mohan Singh.—Reuter.

Lord Zetland at Work

London, To-day.

When Mr. Attlee suggested in the Commons yesterday that "this abominable outrage will be as keenly resented by all people in India as by the British people," Mr. Chamberlain said "I am sure that is so."

In the Lords, Lord Stanhope said the Secretary for India had had a miraculous escape. He had indeed hoped Lord Zetland would have been in Their Lordships' House that afternoon. He was working at the India Office in the morning.—British Wireless.

Messages from India

London, To-day.

Messages from India have been arriving at the India Office throughout the day congratulating the Secretary of State for India on his escape from the outrage at Caxton Hall. Lord Zetland has received telegrams from the Viceroy, Provincial Governors, the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, Premiers of Provinces and many others.—British Wireless.

GERMAN COAL FOR ITALY

Berlin, To-day.

The Berlin radio states that about 1,500 wagons of German coal will be sent daily to Italy under the trade protocol signed in Rome on Wednesday.—Reuter.

INCREASE IN BENEFIT FOR WORKLESS

London, To-day.

The advance in Unemployment Benefit of one shilling to four shillings a week for each of the first two dependent children is recommended to take effect on April 15 by the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee in a report issued yesterday.

This would cost over £1,000,000 a year.

In the House of Commons later, the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, stated the Government had accepted the recommendations.—Reuter.

FIGHTING ON MANCHURIA BORDER?

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

LATE LAST NIGHT IT WAS REPORTED THAT FIGHTING HAD BROKEN OUT BETWEEN SOVIET TROOPS AND MANCHUKUOAN FORCES ON THE MANCHUKUOAN BORDER.

It is added that the Soviet troops penetrated five miles into Manchukuoan territory.

While the reports cannot be confirmed Japanese military officials admitted that the situation on the border is tense owing to recent disagreements between Soviet and Manchukuoan representatives.—Our Own Correspondent.

NANNING LULL LIKELY TO CONTINUE

Chungking, To-day.

The present lull in the Sino-Japanese fighting in the Nanning area is likely to continue, according to a foreign military observer who has just returned to Chungking from the south Kwangsi front.

One of the principal reasons, he says, is the rainy season. When he was north of Kunlunkwan it had been raining for four days in succession.

Even heavier rainfall was expected later and large-scale military operations in that area would be very difficult.—Reuter.

GERMAN BID FOR BALKAN TRADE

A great intensification of German trade with Yugoslavia is revealed in statistics for the last four months of 1939, published here to-day. The most remarkable feature is the increased German export of goods of which the German public are themselves very short, such as cotton, wool, and artificial silk—sales of which have practically doubled—and even coffee and soap.

Germany is compelled to export these materials, despite her own great need of them, by the more imperative need for foreign currency. A German delegation is in Belgrade now presenting a claim for repayment of the Serbian debt to Germany before the war of 1914-18, which was cancelled by the Versailles Treaty.

Jugoslav exporters believe that goods sold to Germany are often re-exported. It is known, for example, that many million pounds weight of Balkan tobacco sold to Czechoslovakia have since been transferred to Holland.

JOINT MARKETING PLANS

Lard bought here for Slovakia is immediately resold to Germany. At the same time the Germans are systematically stripping the Slovak forests for cellulose, which is sold to the Balkan countries and Switzerland.

Jugoslavia, in common with her neighbours, is now reorganising her economic structure to meet this German drive, and monopolies have now been established to control the sales and purchases of minerals, grain, and wool.

Joint marketing plans were discussed at the Balkan Entente Conference last week, and this problem will also be raised in the talks which open to-morrow with the Bulgarian Minister of Commerce, M. Slavtcho Zagoroff, who is coming here with a big delegation. Further trade contacts between the Balkan countries now in progress show the first practical results of the conference.

GERMAN DELEGATION BOYCOTTED

The Yugoslav public is clearly unhappy about Germany's economic predominance. There was an outcry recently about the vast quantities of butter, coffee, and meat which German residents in Yugoslavia were regularly posting to the Reich, and this practice is now forbidden. Nevertheless, the German minority the other day sent six waggons of fat as a present to the German Army.

Popular sentiment is indicated by the refusal of the towns of Zagreb and Ljubljana to receive a German timber delegation after the Vatican broadcast about German atrocities in Poland, which greatly shocked the Catholic community. The delegation had to transfer its conference to Bled.

Travellers report great German activity in the Rumanian Black Sea ports, where, apparently, supplies from Russia are being stored.

The German Levant Line steamers Larissa, Arcadia, Belof, Lalona, Staka, and Salzburg are carrying manganese and cereals from the Caucasian port of Poti to Bralla, in Rumania.

POLISH AIR SQUADRON READY FOR ACTION

Paris, To-day.

General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, announced yesterday that the first Polish air squadron would soon join the French air force at the front. Soon afterwards, he said, Polish infantry units would follow.—Reuter.

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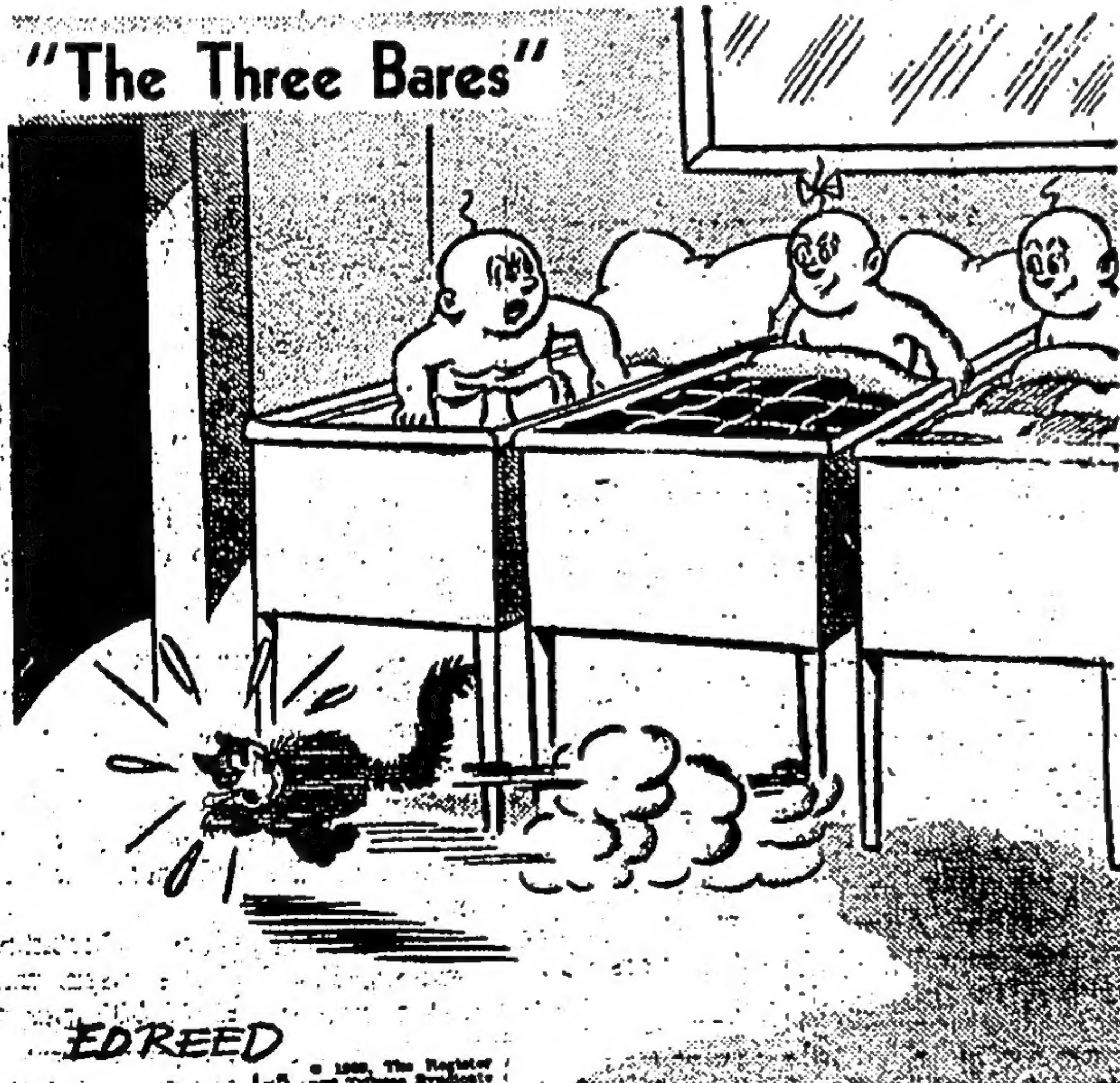


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GERMANY WOULD THEN HAVE INTERVENED IN NORTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

PROFESSOR KOHT, THE Norwegian Foreign Minister, declared in the course of a statement on Norwegian policy in the Finnish dispute that no request by the Allies for passage for troops was received by the Norwegian Government until peace negotiations had actually begun.

Had Norway assented at that stage, he declared, Germany would have undoubtedly intervened against Norway and Scandinavia would have become the European battlefield.

The remainder of his statement followed closely the lines of Dr. Gunther's address to the Swedish Parliament.

Semi-officially, Professor Koht's statement is not contested, but it is understood that the Allied enquiry in Sweden was made long before peace negotiations were begun. The Allies turned to Norway after the logical and easiest means of getting troops to Finland had been definitely refused.—Havas.

Finland's Requests

London, To-day.

Reuter's lobby correspondent learns that Finland's first requests to the Allies for assistance were for materials, not men, and the Allies sent as much material as they felt they could safely spare.

Later there was an informal request for 30,000 men, to be available in May.

A difficulty in the way of fulfilling the request was the refusal of Sweden and Norway to allow military formations to traverse their territory.

Preparations Made

Despite this, preparations were made to enable troops to move directly a Finnish appeal was received, and Reuter understands that if an expeditionary force had been sent it would have been fully equipped, including air strength.—Reuter.

GERMAN FILM OF 20 NAVY MEN

A Newsreel of about twenty men, described by the announcer as "the survivors of the British submarines Starfish and Undine," is being shown in Berlin.

SWEDEN WORRIED BY CLAUSES IN THE PEACE TREATY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

M. HAKKILA, CHAIRMAN of the Finnish Diet, declared in a speech yesterday: "Any move which might seem to be directed against Russia is incompatible with the Finnish-Soviet treaty."

The declaration is interpreted as meaning that Finland will be unable to participate in any military alliance of the Scandinavian states if this alliance is directed against Russia.

Little information is available as regards the Finnish proposals to the Scandinavians for the conclusion of a mutual assistance pact.

Main point is that such a pact would guarantee Sweden against German and not Russian aggression, since the

Finnish-Soviet pact prevents Finland taking any step directed against Russia.

Meanwhile, Swedish opinion is much worried over some of the clauses of the Soviet-Finnish treaty which will directly affect Swedish interests:

Firstly, the cession of Hangoe is an evident danger for Sweden, and secondly, the Russian advanced positions at Salla and Kusamo.—Havas.

RUSSIANS BEGIN TO RETIRE

Stockholm, To-day.

According to a despatch from north Finland the Russian troops have begun to retire.

Finnish troops and volunteers who are stationed at this part of the front are remaining in their positions awaiting orders.—Reuter.

NEW NAVAL MEDAL

The King has approved the issue of a Naval General Service Medal with clasp "Palestine" to Fleet personnel for service in Palestine between April 19, 1936, and September 3, 1939.

A further Admiralty Fleet Order will be issued defining the personnel entitled to this medal.

Y.M.C.A. CANTEENS

London, To-day.

The Y.M.C.A. now has 100 mobile canteens operating in Britain.

The 100th was presented yesterday by the Guild of Vintners.—Reuter.

NO REASON TO BEG

Yeung Ying, a woman of 32, who had \$18.15 in her pocket, was caught begging in Nathan Road yesterday with her 11-year-old daughter. This morning, she was fined \$3 or seven days by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

BIG EFFORT IN FINLAND BEGINNING

Helsinki, To-day.

All available cars and lorries have been requisitioned to help in the work of re-settling the people and the Finnish Aid Committee has called for hundreds of volunteer relief workers.

Sweden is to give £18,000,000 in loans and credits for reconstruction work and the use of the money will be discussed within a week between the Swedish authorities and M. Cajander, a former Finnish Premier.

In a proclamation, the Finnish Government has announced its intention of launching relief schemes to rebuild shattered homes.

This work, says the proclamation, will demand the utmost effort and sacrifice, but through the sacrifice of Finland's youth Finland has been able to keep what she values most — her freedom. — Reuter.

SAYS GUNNERS HAVE PACT

German-French artillery duels on the Western Front are "by unspoken agreement"—according to a German officer.

"At certain fixed hours the firing starts. Then we count the number of shots from the French guns, and reply with the same number—but not one more," said the officer.

"In one sector we were gathering fruit and potatoes in trucks on French territory. We were fired on when we were wearing helmets, but never when we only had caps on."

The officer was quoted by a correspondent of the Brussels newspaper Libre Belgique, who talked with German officers and soldiers in a train coming from the Siegfried Line.

KING'S MEN —CRAIGAVON

"We are King's men. We will be with you to the end."

This message was broadcast to Britain from Belfast by Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland.

He added that there had been a steady response to the call for volunteers in the regiments famed in Northern Ireland's traditions.

"Around our rock-bound and turbulent coast some of the finest seamen in the kingdom have been bred and born," he said.

Lord Craigavon also said: "We plan to plough a quarter of a million additional acres of land this year."

"Sales of Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds have been maintained at the rate of £100,000 per week."

RESCUED FROM NIAGARA BRINK

A boy of fourteen, Richard Abbey, was rescued from an ice-floe as it drifted towards the brink of the roaring Niagara Falls.

Police-Constable Amon D. Voetsch reached the boy in a canoe attached to a rope held by a human chain leading to the safe ice nearer the shore.

Young Abbey was taken to hospital weak from fright and cold, his clothes soaked with the icy water.



Lovely Brenda Joyce (below, centre) is making a sensational screen debut in the best film company—with Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power and George Brent, stars of Darryl F. Zanuck's production, of "The Rain Came," by Louis Bromfield. The 20th Century-Fox picture, directed by Clarence Brown opens to-day at the King's Theatre.

WAR OR DIPLOMACY?

Allied Loss Of Prestige In Finnish Peace

Strong Critics In The French Newspapers

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
LENGTHY COMMENTS AND EDITORIALS IN YESTERDAY'S FRENCH PRESS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE FINNISH PEACE WAS A LOSS OF PRESTIGE TO THE DEMOCRACIES.

"Le Journal" stresses the fact that the Allies committed a very grave mistake in not helping Finland adequately as soon as the League of Nations advocated it.

"May the Finnish affair be a lesson to us. We must decide more rapidly whether this is war or diplomacy."

MALTA: WAR WARNING

The possibility that Malta might be involved in the war was hinted at by the Governor of the island, General Sir Charles Bonham-Carter.

He pointed out that Malta was no further from Hitler's airfields than Britain, and that it would be a centre of operations should war spread to the Balkans, a contingency which could not be entirely ruled out. — Associated Press.

7 HOURS IN TREE—WON HER HEART

For seven hours a lovesick undergraduate sat perilously on a branch high up in a tree at Cambridge, Massachusetts, refusing to climb down until a girl made a date with him.

Hundreds watched the youth, Heywood Kirby, perched on a slim branch, which, swaying in the wind, threatened at any moment to snap and hurl him to death.

His best friend, Frank Crawford, ran between the tree and the home of the girl, redheaded Libby Esler, vividly describing to her the latest news of his sufferings and peril.

"I'VE WON HER"

On his branch, Kirby munched sandwiches and read a book, "Divine Love and Wisdom."

After the seventh hour, Crawford called for the seventh time at Libby's home and told her a tale which brought tears to her eyes.

At last she consented to go out with Kirby, who climbed down, crying triumphantly: "I've won her."

GERMAN STEAMER SINKS OFF JUTLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The German steamer Schenhelm (5,000 tons) sank off Jutland yesterday while on her way from Oslo to Bremen.

Twenty-three members of the crew were picked by a Danish vessel while eight are missing.—Havas.

In the same newspaper, General Duval, well-known military expert, emphasises that "peace in northern Europe was evidently a success for Germany."

"The military consequences are easy to establish. It is improbable that Russia will undertake further military operations for some time, but her prestige has been heightened because she obtained greater advantages than those she asked for last November, and the Communist home front will be strengthened by it.

"Soviet raw material resources will all go to Germany in compensation for the efficient German pressure on the Scandinavian countries."

"LE MATIN" PESSIMISTIC

"Le Matin" views the situation in pessimistic light.

"Now Bolshevism is in a good position to resume the march towards Scandinavia which Mannerheim's soldiers forced to halt.

"We lost an occasion to extend to Scandinavia the blockade which the British and ourselves threw round Germany."

"It would be madness not to consider the principal objectives from this blockade of Sweden's iron ore and Caucasus oil. To reach these objectives is to strike a blow at Germany's heart.

"The Allies are making a huge mistake if they consider the matter ended."

DECISION WILL BE FORCED

"Pertinax," writing in "l'Epoque," stresses that "the damage suffered by France and Britain following Finland's capitulation is moral rather than material. Sooner or later the Western Powers will be compelled to revise their policy towards neutrals." — Havas.

DUCE EXPELS TEN FASCISTS

Ten Fascist leaders have been expelled from the party eight of them for "immorality," says an Associated Press message from Rome.

The expulsions were ordered by new Fascist General Secretary Ettore Muti.

The former assistant secretary of the Fascist Party, Vincenzo Zangara, is expelled because "he showed himself unworthy." Vincenzo's brother, Ignazio, is also expelled.

It was against the other eight expelled that the "immorality" charge was brought.

NAZI METAL ROUND-UP

Berlin, To-day.
Field-Marshal Goering has appealed for a nationwide collection on April 20, Hitler's birthday, of metals, especially copper, bronze, brass and tin, for defence of the Fatherland.

In Rome, all iron railings and gates, and even the railings round the Pantheon, the Bank of Italy, the Stock Exchange and the old Roman forums, are being removed for scrap-iron.—Reuter.

KING VISITS THE DOVER PATROL

London, To-day.

The King yesterday spent several hours inspecting the Dover Patrol.

Vice-Admiral Ramsay explained the work of the Patrol and the King talked to officers and men who man the destroyers, trawlers, paddle steamers and other craft that keep the narrow seas clear and safe for the passage of British ships.

His Majesty boarded a vessel fitted with the latest equipment for dealing with magnetic mines, and decorated six Naval ratings.—Reuter.

ALLIES TO COOPERATE IN COLONIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Steps are being taken to bring about complete Franco-British solidarity on Colonies to supplement their co-operation in other fields.

For some time now, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for Colonies, has been paying frequent visits to M. Georges Mandel, Minister of Colonies, and now that the groundwork has been completed to combine their resources, a three-day conference will be held in the near future.—Havas.

DALADIER UNDER FIRE IN SENATE

Paris, To-day.

Criticism of the Government's handling of the Finnish situation is believed to have been among the matters voiced at yesterday's secret session of the Senate, which lasted three and a quarter hours and adjourned till to-day.

The Senate unanimously agreed to go into secret session after the arrival of the Premier, M. Daladier, and 10 other Cabinet Ministers, and after M. Daladier had declared that the Government accepted an immediate discussion on Finland but desired to defer discussion on the conduct of the war until next week.

In some quarters it is believed that some Cabinet changes may result, possibly including the appointment of a Foreign Minister, one of the three posts now held by M. Daladier.—Reuter.

SESSION ADJOURNED

Paris, To-day.

The secret session of the Senate adjourned after a long debate. The meeting is to be resumed as a secret session to-day.—Reuter.

U.S. NOW PERTURBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The feeling of relief which followed the announcement of peace between Finland and Russia has been succeeded by one of perturbation in American political circles, where some are of opinion that Finland could have fought on but yielded to German and Scandinavian pressure.

General opinion is that the peace imposed on Finland was a blow to the prestige of the Democracies, including the U.S.A.

Britain and France, it is stated, lost an opportunity of creating a new front.—Havas.

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN VIBORG

Stockholm, To-day.

Russian troops have been retiring from the Petsamo region since yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon, troops in the Karelian Isthmus entered the ruins of Viborg.—Reuter.

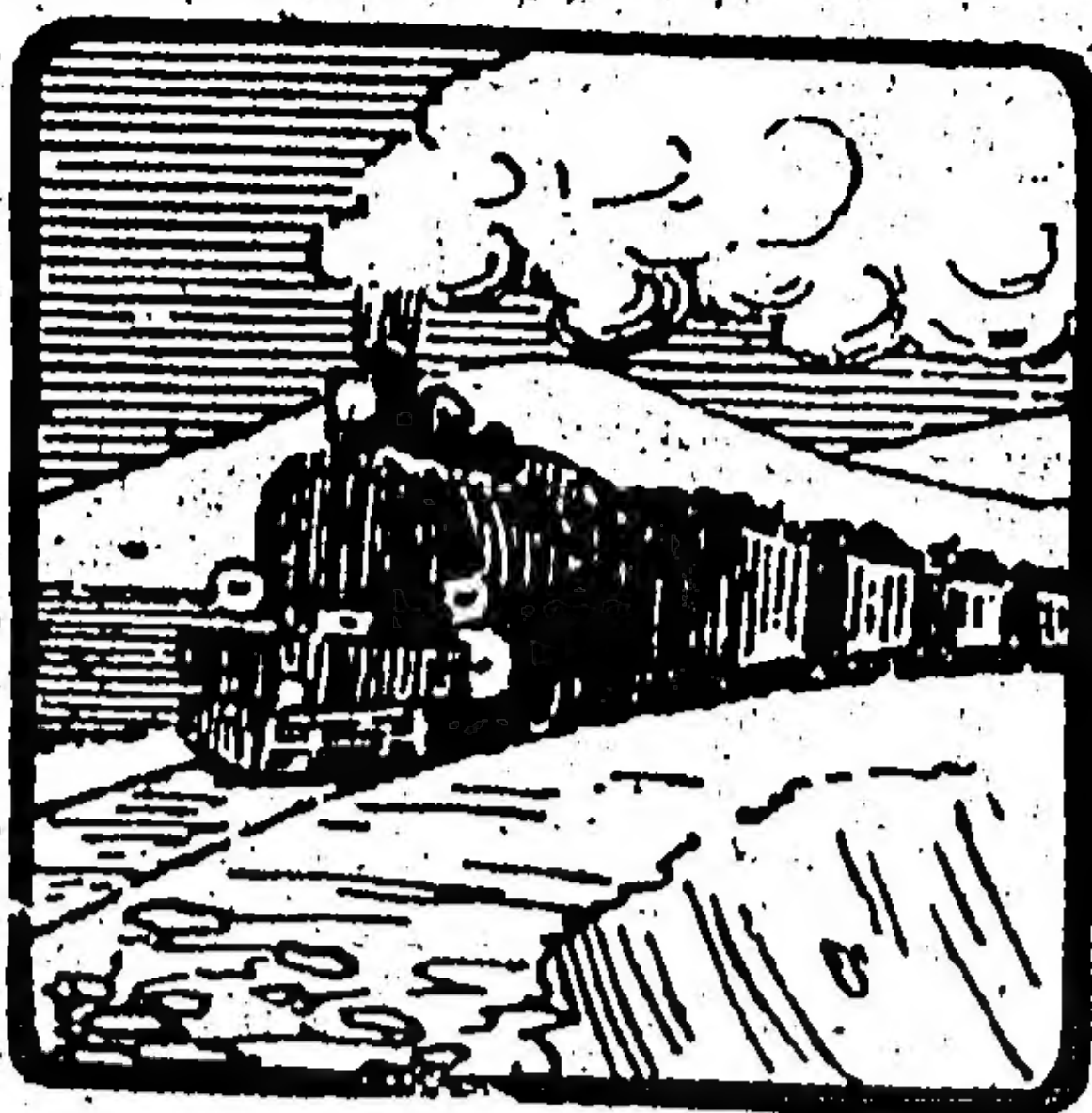


The King at a little market town, somewhere in England, inspecting troops. (Copyright: Fox).

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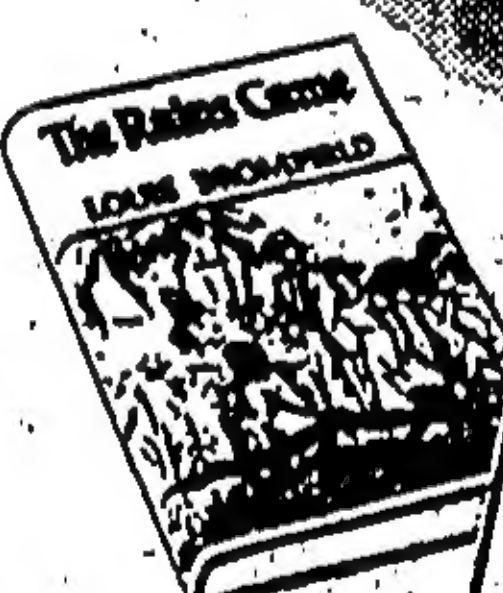
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TO-DAY AT THE KING'S



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The opening of the new Soya Bean Factory on Saturday. Mr. K. S. Lo speaking before the factory was opened by Mr. M. K. Lo.



Mrs. J. Kilburn-Morris' Samoyeds, Farningham Polar Bru and Farningham Roska, at the Dog Show. Mrs. Kilburn-Morris' entries won a prize for the best brace.



Children of the Kowloon Junior School at the annual Sports on Thursday.

Could Allies Have Done More To Save The Finns?

Norway And Sweden To Make Enquiry In Moscow

London, To-day.

AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, the Finnish-Russian "peace" has aroused world-wide comment.

In London, there is universal sympathy for the Finns and praise for their gallant fight against heavy odds. Deep regret is expressed at the fact that another brutal aggression has brought success to the aggressor, and there is a tendency to ask whether or not the Allies might have done more to aid the Finns.

This was answered, however, by the Finnish Foreign Minister on Wednesday, when he said that the Allies were ready but Norway and Sweden had refused to allow the passage of troops. There is, therefore, merely a question of domestic policy; whatever the attitude of Norway and Sweden, could the Allies have done more to save Finland?

People are also asking what is to be the future of Scandinavia, now that Finland has given up her main defence lines and Hango and Russia has free transit facilities with the Norwegian and Sweden borders.

On the latter point, Sweden will ask Russia to explain her intentions and Norway is to seek a clarification of the clause in the peace agreement giving free passage to Soviet goods through the Petsamo area to Norway.

SWEDEN WORSE OFF

Even the Scandinavians who believed the Swedish Government was right in its attitude admit that Sweden is now worse off.

In France, the general opinion is similar to that in Britain. Many think the Allies showed lack of decision but also point out—as "L'Epoque" does—that, nonetheless, the Allied military position is not impaired.

Some of the French newspapers question the wisdom of the Allies in so scrupulously respecting the neutrality of Norway and Sweden. As "Excelsior" puts it:—

"The police do not ask leave to go through a neighbour's house to arrest a would-be assassin and save his victim!"

In America, few of the papers criticise the Allies or Scandinavia, although here and there there is criticism of the reluctance of Congress to give Finland military help. There is a wide feeling that the United States should do everything possible to help in the work of reconstruction.

In Germany, the Nazis continue to make great efforts to prove that the peace is a setback for the Allies, and the official explanation of Russia's demands is that they form an "expression of a great State's need for lebensraum (living space)." MONTHS AGO.

The Nazis only ground for claiming a German diplomatic victory is that "Britain and France wanted to extend the war to Scandinavia." This was dismissed on Wednesday by one American paper which said:—"If the Allies had wanted to extend the war to the North, they would have done so months ago."

Nothing is said in Germany about Russia getting a big naval base at Hango, but in London it is pointed out that the most likely reason for this is to ward off a possible German attack on Leningrad.

The Italian papers make a show of welcoming the peace—although there is evidence of distaste. As "Telegrafo" puts it—"The Russian attack was the most obvious plea of aggression in modern history." —Reuter.

GALLANTRY IN AIR OPERATIONS

The King has approved the following appointments and awards to members of the Royal Air Force for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

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Distinguished Service Order
Pearce, Wing Com. Frederick Laurence.

Staton, Wing Comdr. William Ernest, M.C., D.F.C.

Hallings-Pott, Sqdn. Ldr. John Robert.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Chaplin, Sqdn. Ldr. John Hugh.

Harris, Sqdn. Ldr. Paul Ivor.

Macdonald, Sqdn. Ldr. William Mary Laurence.

McKee, Sqdn. Ldr. Andrew, A.F.C.

Purvis, Sqdn. Ldr. Harry Alexander.

Peacock, Flight Lieut. Michael F., A.A.F.

Ainslie, Actg. Flt. Lieut. Allan Stuart.

Sheahan, Actg. Flt. Lieut. Harold W. A.

Skey, Actg. Flt. Lieut. Lawrence W.

Womersley, Actg. Flt. Lieut. Albert Leslie.

Burton, Flying Officer Frederic Elgar.

Macrae, Flying Officer William John.

Pepper, Flying Officer Neville E. W.

Stephens, Flying Officer John W.

Harper, Pilot Officer Robert H.

Innes, Pilot Officer Herome A.

Distinguished Flying Medal

Cargill, Sergt. Arthur L. T.

Culver, Sergt. Alfred Charles.

Hadkin, Sergt. John Llewellyn.

Ramshaw, Sergt. John Richardson.

Johnson, Sergt. Arthur Stanley.

Scotney, Sergt. Kenneth Frederick.

Stamp, Sergt. George Arthur.

Wood, Sergt. Lionel.

Barrett, Actg. Sergt. William John.

Greig, Ldg. Aircraftman Walter (since reported missing—believed killed).

Gimson, Aircraftman 1st Cl. Ernest W.

Murcar, Aircraftman 1st Cl. Alexander.

White, Aircraftman 1st Cl. Edgar.

Francis, Aircraftman 2nd Cl. Robert H.

Knight, Cpl. Colin B. G., R.N.Z.A.F.

Mentions in Despatches

Wing Comdms. K. B. Lloyd, A.F.C., F. L. Pearce, A. P. Revington, and W. E. Station, M.C., D.F.C.; Actg. Wing Comdr. F. Czerar, A.A.F.

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Flight Lieut. R. T. Corry, A.A.F., and A. A. de Gruyther; Act. Flt. Lieuts. W. D. L. Filson-Young, D. V. W. Francis, R. W. Gauthy, J. P. Grant, J. D. Middleton, H. G. Mossford, V. M. P. Pam (since reported killed in action), F. Phillips, J. M. H. Sinclair (since reported missing), and B. S. Tomlin.

Flying Officers P. L. Billing, S. B. Binley, J. W. E. Davies, T. A. F. Eldon, J. R. Hollington (since reported



Joan Crawford and Virginia Grey in "The Women," showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

MR. EDEN WITH THE CANADIANS

London, To-day.

The Dominions Secretary yesterday visited units of the First Canadian Division.

After a four-hour tour of inspection Mr. Eden said: "One cannot but be impressed by the splendid keenness of the men and the wonderful way in which they have adapted themselves so quickly to strange conditions."

It is encouraging to hear the percentage of sickness is very low. The men certainly seem very fit and in the best of spirits. Canada need have no anxiety on that score."

During the visit, Mr. Eden and the High Commissioner for Canada, who accompanied him, saw the Royal Imperial Regiment at machinegun drill in the field and the 48th Highlanders from Toronto digging trenches and attacking a wooded copse in speedy Bren gun carriers.

They watched the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps treating wounded and gas victims in a hillside station and the First Medium Regiment of the Royal Canadian Regiment of Artillery laying down a barrage with heavy guns. Indoors they saw signallers, mechanics and map readers at work.—British Wireless.

killed in action), O. G. Horrigan, A. V. Hunter, E. J. Kain, H. M. S. Lambert, J. H. Marks, W. E. G. Measures, I. M. Parker, I. H. Parrot, G. L. Raphael, and G. E. Saddington.

Pilot Officers R. A. Cruickshank, C. R. Hebler, R. J. Jousault, D. C. McKinley (now Flying Officer), and J. S. Morton, A.A.F.

Flt. Sergts. B. M. Bannister, G. A. Corby, and C. Dunkerley.

Sergts. V. H. Barr, N. S. C. Chapman, J. L. Fletcher, A. R. T. Hough, E. B. Lascelles, W. C. McArthur, E. F. J. O'Doyle, F. C. Petts, T. Purdy, R. J. Stanley, M. A. Terraneau, F. Tizard, and N. H. Webb.

Cpls. O. Haire, N. Halthwaite, T. N. Parkin, S. G. Stensford, W. Wight, Actg. Cpl. C. L. Evans.

Ldg. Aircraftmen R. Bailey, S. Bingham, D. J. Connolly, A. E. Foreman, W. Jacobs, W. E. Nicholas, A. Perry, D. M. Rowson, H. A. Storey, and M. Wilson.

Aircraftman 1st Cl. R. B. Hosking, 2nd Cl. A. G. Gouldson, and J. P. Smith.

SINO-BURMA RELATIONS

Chungking, To-day.

To remove possible disputes between Chinese and Burmese in districts on the border, it has been decided to hold a conference once a year in which the leaders of the Chinese and Burmese tribes along the border will take part.

First conference is taking place to-day and will last 10 days. It is being held at Juili, Yunnan, on the Burmese border.

Following the conference there will be athletic contests and other social events for promoting friendship between the Chinese and Burmese tribes. —Reuter.

MR. WELLES IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles arrived yesterday en route to Italy and had a half hour talk with M. Daladier, to whom he handed a message from President Roosevelt. — Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE RUSSIAN INCIDENT

The possibility, at any rate, of an eventually on the Russo-Turkish war given a renewed currency last week by the fact that a battalion of Russian troops crossed the Caucasian frontier into Turkey. They were disarmed and interned. A cavalry detachment sent, on Turkey's invitation, to recover their arms refused to return to Russia. Were they deserters or agents provocateurs? Such a question could no more be answered than the question about the real nature and purpose of the many German "merchants" that have been travelling to the Near and Middle East in the past fortnight. Turkey has merely decided to be on her guard, despite her conviction that the Russian battalion were merely deserters. — "The Observer."

TRUST THE PEOPLE

There seem to be three main reasons for the suppression of news:

1. Because some news would be of value to the enemy.

We accept that.

2. Because other items might give comfort to the enemy.

We do not accept that. The enemy get all the comfort they want from the lying propaganda of Goebbels.

3. Because information of losses or set-backs would depress the people.

This is nonsense. The British people are morally and spiritually tough.

Take the men who fought at the battle of the Plate. They are not a race apart. Their courage is not a divine gift from the Services. It was born in them. The timid mandarins of Whitehall do not seem to realise this fact.

Whitehall should take notice of Silvertown. In that working-class division 14,343 determined men and women voted for continuing the war until Germany is beaten. Only 1,117 voted to hand over her heritage to Stalin and Hitler.

There is a fourth element at work in keeping back the news. Certain uniformed underlings of the Service Departments — doubtless taking their cue from more exalted quarters — are trying to give the public what they think it ought to have.

They know nothing of publicity, and even less of the public. They browbeat the Censorship Bureau and make an office-boy of its director.

The Chief Censor should not tolerate this treatment. His duty is not to take orders from Civil Servants and junior officers who regard news — as they apparently regard the war — as their own private property.

He should demand from the Cabinet a real and not merely a nominal authority. — "Daily Mail"

PRESSURE ON RUMANIA

She had been putting extreme pressure on Rumania to obtain the oil which she so urgently needs and doing so by alternate threats and bribes. She threatens to incite Hungary to insist on her claim to Transylvania, which was annexed to Rumania after the last war, if she does not get her

way; she offers to hold Hungary back if Rumania yields. She will incite Bulgaria to insist on the return of the Dobrudja, taken from her after the second Balkan War, if Rumania holds out, and hold as Bulgaria back if Rumania gives in. Finally she can let it be supposed that she will let Russia loose upon Bessarabia, which was added to Rumania under the post-war treaties, if all other pressures fail.

Rumania seems so far to have stood up well to the pressure put upon her, and whatever we do we must not enter into a competition of threats. Our contribution must now be not in words, but in the practical terms which make it clear that we can and will act forcibly to make good our guarantees to Turkey and Rumania, if the need comes. The safe arrival of the Australians and New Zealanders and the prospect that there will now be a great British army ready to join hands with the French army in Syria are already steady factors which will make their influence felt throughout the Middle East and Near East.

The Turks, meanwhile, have by their conspicuous act of discharging their German technicians and engineers shown their desire to shake themselves free of German influence. With their aid we shall this time have the free passage of the Dardanelles and be able to act speedily and effectively if or when the call comes. It is no part of our object to spread the war unnecessarily, but with these resources we shall have no need to flinch if the challenge is thrown either to us and our ally or to our friends in eastern Europe. — "Sunday Times"

NEUTRALITY

A neutral must maintain lawful trade with both belligerents. It seems to be Germany's thesis that neutrals must not trade with us, and she has argued for it violently, even to the sinking at sight of neutral ships sailing between two neutral ports. If Norway, for instance, were to surrender to this doctrine and curtail her

trade with us she would have abandoned neutrality. In the last war, after President Wilson's peace proposals had been rejected by the Allies in 1917, Germany made the same general threat to all ships trading with Britain. Then the three Scandinavian Governments, acting together, sent a Note to Germany protesting against this violation of international practice. The recent communique suggests the likelihood of another common stand. They will raise "serious objections" to illegal naval warfare, and their governments will

SAYINGS OF THE WEEK

The only result of a compromise would be a postponement. — The Australian Prime Minister.

But you should not let off a lot of young political C.O.s who won't fight unless they choose their own war. — Lady Astor.

Perhaps the loveliest self-delusion we are enjoying at the moment is the picture of America acting as a sweet hollier-than-thou peacemaker when the war ends. — Mr. Lawrence Hunt (New York).

By 1950 — without the effects of war — we are likely to have more people over sixty than children under fifteen. — Mr. Richard M. Titmuss.

Either according to the Ten Commandments, or by the Queensberry Rules, or according to the unwritten law of Pukkasahibdom, the English conscience can be appealed to — which is saying something in these aggressively competitive times we live in. — Mr. J. Vijaya-Tunga.

"support each other mutually in negotiations with the belligerents". There can be no doubt at all that a joint Scandinavian protest to Germany would have more effect than the isolated remonstrances which have been made up to now. But, from the German point of view, it would be more provocative. Objections will probably be raised to the stringency of our contraband control. We can hardly relax it. It must be stricter than last time, for at present we pursue victory only with the economic weapon and that cannot be made blunt. A German victory would set democratic Scandinavia in chains and that is our excuse for any hardships which come to Scandinavia now. — "Manchester Guardian"

Defensive Alliance In Scandinavia SOVIET RAISES NO OBJECTIONS

Moscow, To-day.

IT IS BELIEVED HERE the Soviet Government has no objections to the conclusion of a purely defensive alliance between Sweden, Norway and Finland, but any combination specially directed against the Soviet would be regarded as inconsistent with the Soviet-Finnish peace treaty. The willingness of Norway and Sweden to discuss with Finland the possibility of a defensive alliance was officially revealed yesterday in Oslo and Stockholm.

HITLER'S BOMBAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Berne, To-day.

A private Berlin source quotes Hitler as recently stating in the presence of members of the Nazi party: "It took me 14 years to become master of Germany. It won't take me seven years to become master of Europe."

"In order to do this I shall not use a large-scale offensive. I shall merely wage a skilful war of nerves and undermine my enemies' morale." — Havas.

TRAWLER FIGHTS OFF HEINKELS

The captain of a fishing trawler which has returned to port reports fighting off three Heinkel bombers successfully.

The trawler was first attacked by a lone Nazi bomber, and when it came over the first time, the captain found his gun jammed!

He freed it, however, and when the plane came over for the second time, loosed off 80 rounds at its nose; it left.

Soon afterwards, three Heinkel bombers attacked the trawler, bombing and machine-gunning it for over an hour. The captain replied with the defence gun until his ammunition ran out.

The Heinkels did not score a single hit and no one was injured.

When the planes had gone, the trawler went on fishing.—Reuter.

HALF A MILLION TURNED OUT

Helsinki, To-day.

It is estimated that 500,000 people will be turned out of their homes as a result of the Russo-Finnish treaty.

There are only 100,000 civilians at present in the affected areas as the others had been evacuated.

First convoy of inhabitants returning to Viborg to collect their belongings left Helsinki yesterday in special trains and cars provided by the Government.—Reuter.

The initiative came from Finland, and the Finnish Foreign Minister has revealed that Norway and Sweden were invited to discuss this even before the Finnish delegation left for Moscow.

Norway gave her reply two days ago.

The time and place of the discussions has not yet been fixed, but M. Tanner said that they will start in a few days.

It is expected that they will confer as soon as Finland has withdrawn her troops to the new frontier and signed the final peace documents.

The alliance will be defensive only, so as not to break Finland's pledge not to engage in any bloc against Russia.

Denmark is not expected to have any part in the alliance.

The peace terms have not yet been ratified by the Finnish Parliament, but Field-Marshal Mannerheim's acceptance of the terms will be a powerful factor in persuading the nation also to accept it. His broadcast on Wednesday has made a deep impression.—Reuter.

To Be Examined

Helsinki, To-day.

It is announced it has now been agreed by the Finnish, Swedish and Norwegian Governments that the question of the possibility of a defensive alliance, to assure the boundaries and independence of the three countries, shall be examined.—Reuter.

OPPOSITION IN BALTIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Commenting on the Soviet-Finnish peace, informed quarters here say that one thing is clear; — Germany and Russia are more than ever in opposition in the Baltic.

When the Soviet-German pact of August, 1939, was concluded, the possibility of an invasion of Finland was not considered. Germany asked for a free hand in Western Poland and was willing to give Russia a free hand in Eastern Poland and the construction of a Russian base in the Baltic.

But now Russia has a strong base at Hango, and in the Baltic she has only one rival — Germany. Russia is undisputed master of the Baltic.

The hypothesis of a Russo-German war is the only one which explains Stalin's policy in the Baltic.—Havas.

SOVIET TO "LAY OFF" RUMANIA

London, To-day.

According to reports from Berlin quoted by the New York radio, Germany has obtained Soviet assurances that whatever happens in south-east Europe, Rumania will remain inviolate.

The reports add that negotiations are proceeding for a Soviet-Rumanian pact.—Reuter.

DUTCH OFFICIAL ON TRIAL

The Hague, To-day.

Van Hoeven, a high official of the Ministry of Social Affairs, was placed on trial in camera here yesterday on a charge of supplying shipping secrets to Germany.

His wife and another official named Buve, of the Ministry of Economics, are accused of complicity.

It is alleged that Buve procured the documents which form the basis of the case.

The Minister of Justice has forbidden publication of the proceedings in Holland, but it is known that the Public Prosecutor has demanded sentence of two years' imprisonment for Buve and one year for Mrs. van Hoeven.—Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX'S PROMISE

London, To-day.

A message from the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, to the Czechs was broadcast in the Czech news from Daven-try last night.

The message recalls that on March 15 a year has passed since Hitler occupied Prague, thereby "destroying all faith in the pledged word of himself and his government," an act less brutal than the rule of terror which followed but all attempts have failed to devour the economic and eventual life of the Czech people.

The message concludes: "It is with a firm resolve to restore your freedom that the Governments and peoples of the British Empire have taken to arms with their Allies."

"Their high purpose is to right the wrongs you have suffered and create a new Europe in which the recurrence of such an event will be made impossible."—Reuter.

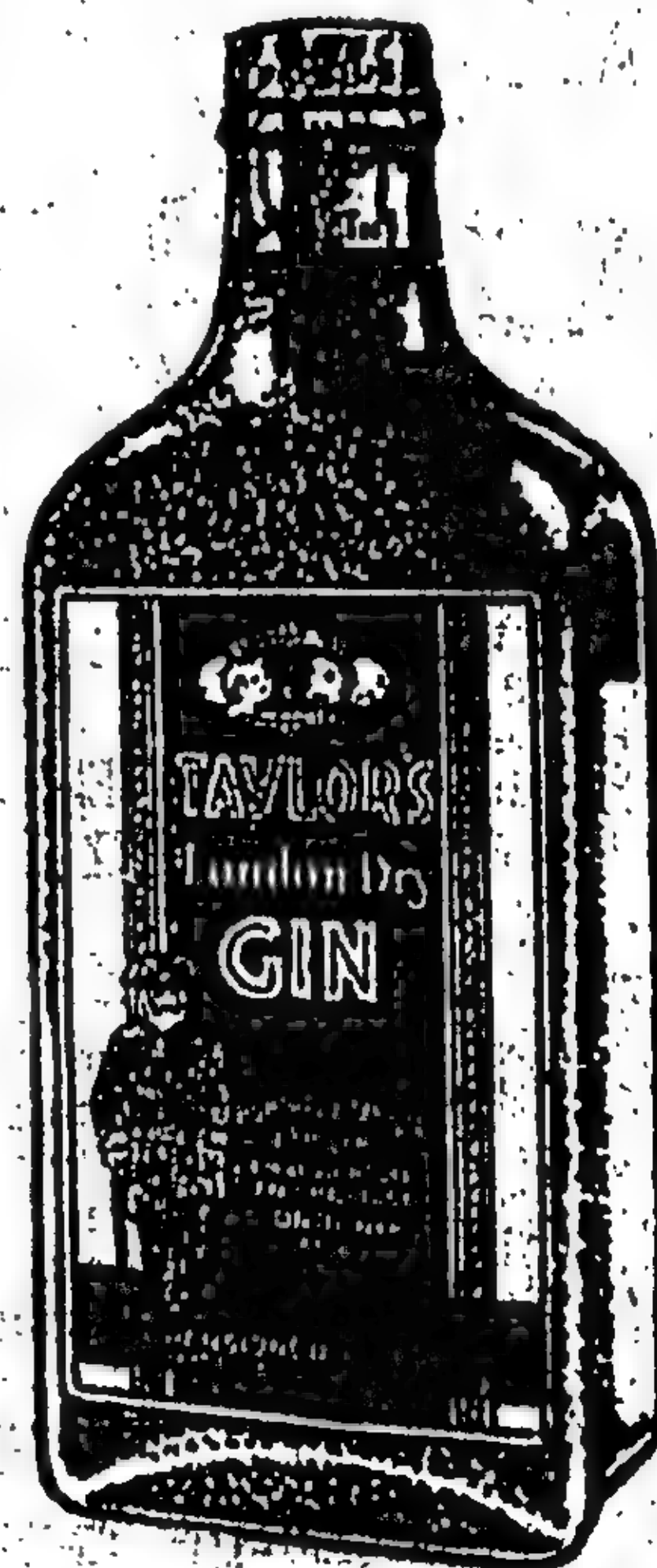
ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communique said there was local activity of advanced parties, especially west of the Vosges.—Reuter.

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Belgium Places Responsibility On Germany

Brussels, To-day.

THE SATISFACTION EXPRESSED in certain Belgian newspapers on Wednesday over the Russo-Finnish peace has disappeared except in the "Pays Reel."

Considerable bitterness generally is felt but all newspapers pay tribute to Finland and have nothing but contempt and hatred for Russia.

The "Nation Belge" and "Libre Belgique" both point out German responsibility.

DEFEAT OF MAGNETIC MINE

ISTANBUL, TO-DAY.

REFERRING TO THE REVELATION OF THE DEVICE RENDERING MAGNETIC MINES HARMLESS THE NEWSPAPER "CUM HURİYET" OBSERVES: "GERMANY PROBABLY OVERLOOKED THE FACT THAT BRITAIN IS HER EQUAL IN THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD."

The "Yeni Sabah" declares: "As long as the type of mentality which led Germany to attack Poland, and Russia to attack Finland, is not extirpated, there will be no security for small or even great powers."

"This is the reason why all right-thinking people are praying for the victory of the Allies who are struggling to stamp it out. The Allies fully recognise and uphold the rights of humanity."—Reuter.

GIRL DASHED FROM COURT

A fifteen-year-old girl rushed screaming from Cardiff Police Court and refused to give evidence in a charge against eighteen-year-old Walter Richard Hill.

The court was cleared while the girl entered the witness-box. She refused to pick up the Testament and be sworn.

Eluding policemen, she dashed out through the door shouting, "Leave me alone. I won't go in there."

She took the door to the cells in mistake, an iron gate barred her progress, and she was caught.

But she refused to go back into court, and the prosecuting solicitor said that as the principal witness refused to take the oath he had to withdraw the charge. The youth was discharged.

ROYAL SCOTS MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT

Idwal Adams, 22, a private of the Royal Scots, appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon to-day charged with stealing a wallet containing \$170 from Lelf Hage, described as a seaman, residing at the Y.M.C.A.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was remanded in military custody till to-morrow.

17 WOMEN ARRESTED IN GAMBLING RAID

Seventeen women and two men were arrested yesterday afternoon when the Wanchai Police raided a gambling establishment in Village Road. They were released on bail.

The former headlines: "Finland the victim of Germany as much as Russia," and says: "Fearing Germany the Scandinavian states pressed Finland to accept the Soviet terms. Thus the Reich helped to subject to the Russian yoke the country which in 1918 she helped to get rid of the Red troops."

"Libre Belgique" declares: "Germany bears the brunt of responsibility for the tragedy. She prevented any efficient aid being sent to the small but valiant people which 20 years ago she helped win independence."

"Once again Hitler, the founder and inspirer and still the leader of the anti-Comintern front, contributes to the extension of Bolshevism in Europe."

U.S. CRITICISED

The "Independence Belge" directs chief criticism against the United States.

After pointing out that Sweden, France, Britain and Italy contributed aid, the newspaper adds: "But America, on whom the Finns especially counted, granted a few million dollars, provided this money was not devoted to war materials!"

The journal adds: "No-one has the right to reproach Allied non-intervention in Finland."—Reuter.

'PIONEER'S' NEW OFFICE

Lucknow, To-day.

One of India's oldest newspapers, the "Pioneer," moved into a new building in Lucknow yesterday, the premises being opened by the Governor of the United Provinces.

Mr. Winston Churchill sent a congratulatory message as an old war correspondent of the paper, whose other notable contributors have included the late Mr. Rudyard Kipling.—Reuter.

HOW RIBBENTROP WAS FORESTALLED

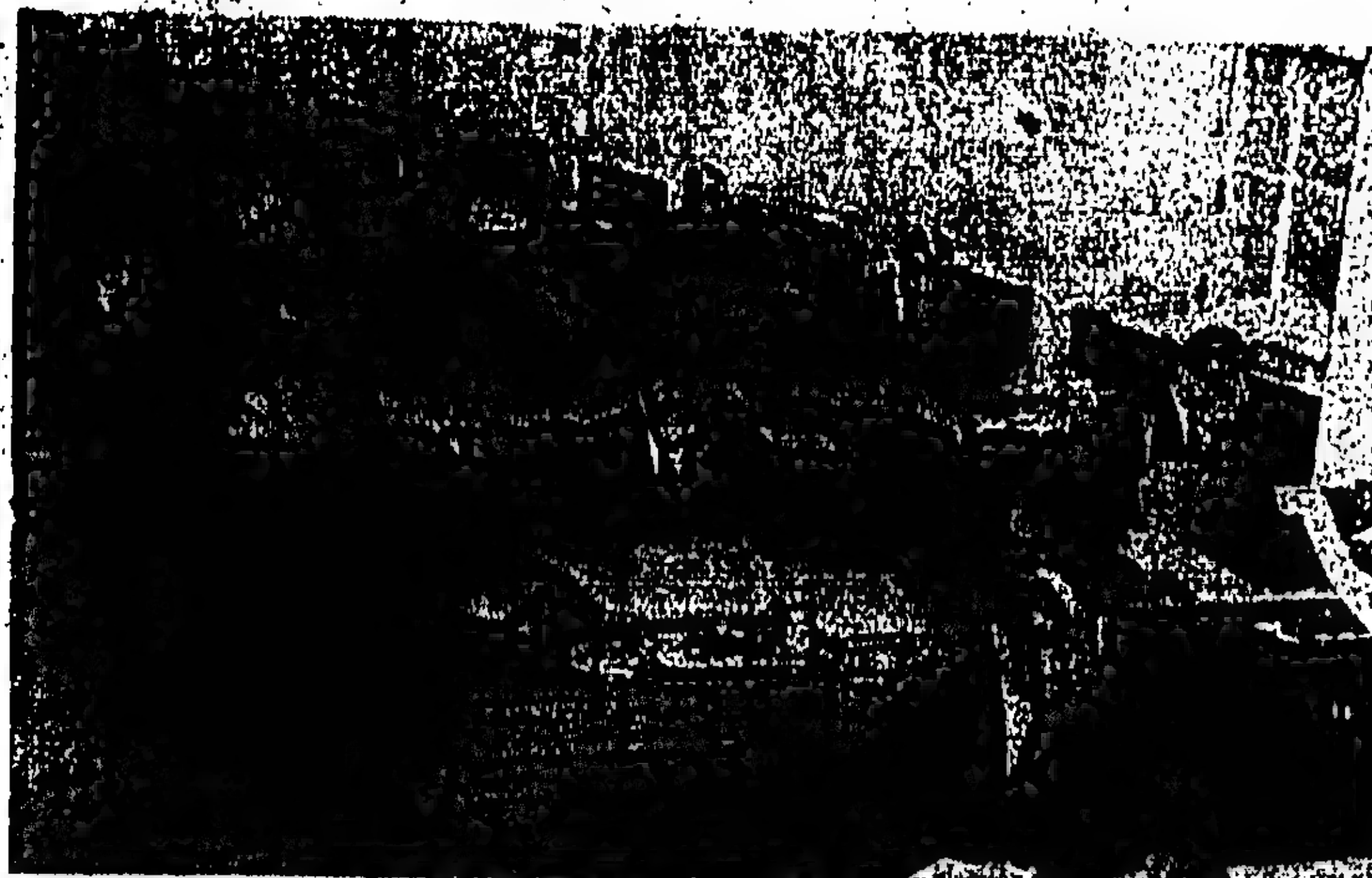
Cairo, To-day.

The newspaper "Al Balagh" writes: "Hitler wanted to profit from Italo-British differences in order to realise his own ends but the British Government destroyed these hopes by the solution of the coal problem, stripping Ribbentrop's visit of all value."—Reuter.

INDIA'S GIFT TO KING'S FUND FOR SAILORS

New Delhi, To-day.

The Viceroy has authorised a contribution of £375,000 from the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund to King George's Fund for Sailors, requesting the authorities of the latter fund to co-operate closely with the Indian Comforts Fund in London, which assists for seamen.—Reuter.



Kingston's town clerk has issued instructions that respirators shall be worn by the staff every Monday morning for fifteen minutes. Photo shows a general view of the gas-masked clerks at work in the Treasurer's Ledger Office. The Mayor is seen leaning over the table on the left of the picture. (Copyright, Fox).

STOCK EXCHANGE WARNINGS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE "FINANCIAL TIMES" STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PUT AN END TO THE MACHINERY OF THE BRITISH STOCK EXCHANGE BEING USED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SECURITIES, PRINCIPALLY BEARER BONDS, ON BEHALF OF ENEMY INTERESTS.

Germany acquired large quantities of securities by the seizure of Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, and there is evidence that a considerable amount of these were disposed of in Britain through neutral channels.

Yesterday the Stock Exchange Committee issued a strongly worded warning to members to be on guard against attempts at such disposals, and reminded them of the penalties.—Reuter.

ESCAPE

"Weigh anchor." The 3,245-ton Dutch tanker Mamura was preparing to move to a new berth off the south-east coast.

As the chain rattled in, it exploded a mine. A huge column of water roared up just ahead.

But the mine was several fathoms down. This depth deadened the blast.

The Mamura was undamaged.

If the captain had steamed a yard or two ahead before dropping anchor, he would have been right over the mine.

Four of his crew were treated on shore for slight injuries and shock.

CANADIAN ARMY VOTES

London, To-day.

Canadian soldiers in Britain started to register their votes yesterday. Polling continues until Saturday week.

Mr. Eden yesterday visited the Canadian troops at Aldershot. When some of them told him they were getting impatient, he replied: "All things come to those who wait."—Reuter.

SMALL FIRMS COMING INTO WAR EFFORT

London, To-day.

Arrangements are being made in Britain to bring small firms into the national war effort.

No less than 110 chambers of commerce are compiling a list of small firms which wish to be considered for munitions factories.—Reuter.

Two cases of smallpox were notified to the Medical Department yesterday. There were also three typhoid cases, three measles, four chickenpox, two meningitis, seven dysentery and 39 tuberculosis.

BELISHA COMING OUT INTO OPEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. HORE-BELISHA PLANS TO HURL A BROADSIDE AT PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR NEXT TUESDAY, IT IS REPORTED.

He is not expected to "pull any punches" because the session is an open one, but will make as free a speech as he would at a secret meeting.

On Wednesday, it will be recalled, he asked whether it was not a pity to excuse Britain's inaction on a pure technicality.—Havas.

WARNS FILM-STRUCK GIRLS

Scores of men posing as Hollywood talent scouts are touring the United States and Canada and luring pretty girls into white slavery.

This was revealed in Hollywood when a leading film executive warned all girls and mothers to call the police immediately men without convincing credentials offer them film tests.

Several girls who have mysteriously disappeared had been interviewed by self-styled talent scouts. These criminals, according to the executive, have moved about the country, leaving a trail of ruined lives, broken hearts and even murder.

Mr. H. P. Hendry, chief of Metro-Goldwyn's private police force, said: "I have lately investigated twenty-five cases of such wandering criminals, and my warning to mothers cannot be too strong."

Bill Grady, West Coast talent representative for Metro, said: "Charles Jefferson, who was convicted in Florida for the murder of Ruth Dunn, posed as a talent scout. He had gone from town to town swindling girls and worse."

NINE INCHES OF SNOW IN NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

SNOW HAS PREVENTED THE RESUMPTION OF AIR SERVICES BETWEEN BERLIN AND AMSTERDAM.

Nine inches of snow have fallen in some parts of Holland.

Owing to traffic dislocation few members reached Parliament yesterday and no quorum could be formed, so the sittings were postponed.—Reuter.

FUR COAT MISSING

Miss W. Raven, of North View Bungalow, North Point, has reported that a fur coat was either stolen from her residence or lost between the house and the Central district on March 10.

News Snack Bar

INDIAN DESERTERS REPORT BACK FOR "THE BIG WAR"

FROM BENEATH THE turbans shone eyes of soft velvet. All of them wore the long moustaches of all the Mongols, and sat cross-legged, preparing the old, old foods of the Orient.

One scooped the moist flour from its bowl, rolled it into little balls that he flattened like pancakes on a large stone. Several of them squatted round the bleeding carcass of a sheep and divided it with deft strokes of their knives.

It was an exotic scene, picturesque and violent. One might have been in one of Kipling's villages, beside Kim's Great Road: yet it was freezing hard and all taking place in some French farmyard.

The Indian troops had arrived at the front.

It was a transport column we were visiting. The Quartermaster-General had said, a few weeks previously: "When the thaw comes, lorries will be too heavy. I'm going to get some mules."

DESERTERS RETURNED

And he had been as good as his word, for here were mules in hundreds, straight from the Himalayas with their own sepoys.

"Two months ago," the British officer said, "we were in the heart of the mountain tribes that wage their interminable vendettas on the Afghanistan frontier—the vendettas which the Indian Government settles as best it can."

"Then suddenly we got our marching orders. The men were delighted. It's quite true, strange as it may seem."

"Even Deserters came back to make the journey."

"Of course, our destination was secret, but everyone knew we were coming to France and the big war."

"Our Colonel went so far as to insist that when the mules kicked out, they apologised with: 'Pardon, monsieur,' by way of practice."

"Did they stand up to the journey pretty well?"

"Mules," the major said, "are beasts that have to be known. They are the offspring of the donkey and the mare: they've all the stubbornness of the one and the courage of the other."

"Everything new they hate. The first time you put them on a train you need four drivers to overcome the prejudices of one mule. But once they've adopted the train, they never want to leave it."

"To start with, they starved rather than eat these unfamiliar oats. Now, however, all that's been straightened out, and everything's going well."



Mrs. W. Stanton's Robbie, which received first prize in the English and Welsh springer spaniel class at the Dog Show.



"Bertoldo"

"Hark. That's a gun. It must be midday."

Milan

4 Seamen Dead On Raft

The bodies of four Belgian seamen were landed from a neutral ship at Gravesend.

The bodies were found on a raft off Cromer. Death was due to exposure. The ship's papers were found on one of the men.

Schuschnigg In Munich

Dr. Schuschnigg has been moved to Munich, states Paris Radio, according to a message from Berne.

His left side is reported to be paralysed and he is nearly blind in the left eye.

Why It's Contraband

Hamburg Prize Court has decided that paper pulp is contraband because England imports large quantities of it from Scandinavia and this import forms the basis of Britain's air leaflet war against Germany, says a Berlin message to the Copenhagen "National Tidende."



"Daily Herald" London.
Swastik and Siegfried
"What else could the Fuehrer do for the Fatherland?"
"Go and scuttle himself."

Italy Calls Up Officers

Italian reserve officers have been called up for long training periods, the Beromunster radio reports.

No Debs. This Year

There will be no Royal Courts at Buckingham Palace this summer, because of the war.

The decision not to hold the Courts was reached by the King some time ago.

Oldest V.C. Dies At 87

Believed to have been the oldest V.C., Mr. Pat Dobgan, aged eighty-seven, has died at Folkestone.

As Trooper Dobgan, of the King's Dragoon Guards, he won his V.C. in January, 1881, during the first South African War.

Flotsam And—Butter!

Residents of a South-East Scottish town obtained plentiful supplies of butter without using their ration books.

Tons of it, washed up on the beach, were carried away in baskets and barrows. A horse and cart were used to remove several hundredweights. The butter was mixed with a varied assortment of wreckage which covered the beach for five miles.

Break With U.S.S.R. Plea

"A decision whether or not to break off relations with the Soviet Government is one which would require most careful consideration in all its aspects."

The Premier gave this reply in the Commons to Sir Alfred Knox.

Norway Told "Prepare"

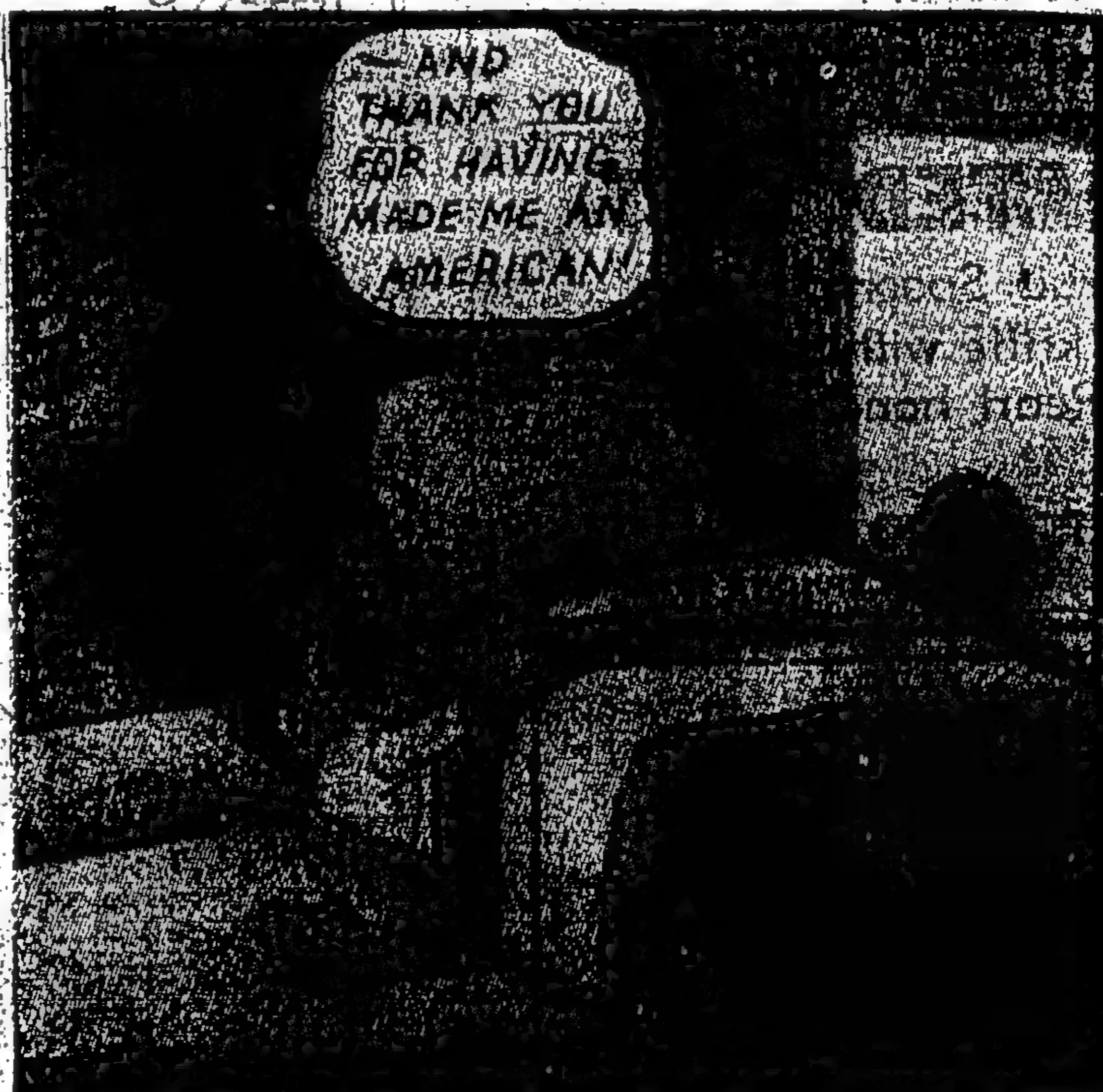
Women's organisations in Norway are arranging courses in men's work of all kind. The Crown Princess said in a speech: "It is now our duty to prepare ourselves for war work," says Copenhagen Radio.

Sentries Will Shoot

If They Are Ignored

Another warning that sentries guarding vulnerable points have orders to challenge anyone approaching their posts and to fire if their challenge is ignored is given by the War Office.

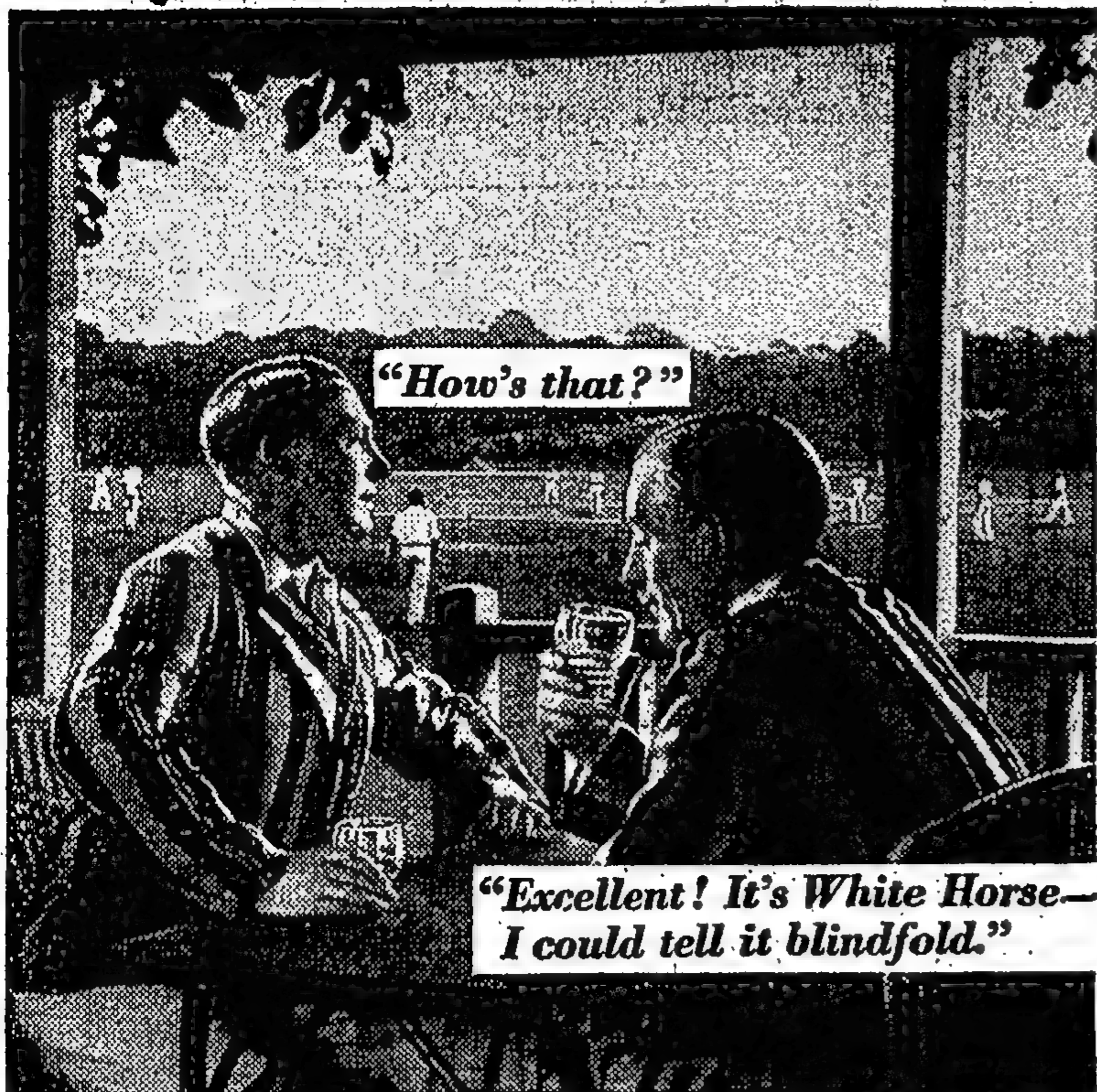
Anyone suffering from deafness is advised to avoid any military point where a sentry is known to be posted.



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SHORT STORY

CARD CASTLE

By Mrs. Victor Rickard

HE was certainly a very handsome man, so Lady Gilsted thought as she watched him surreptitiously from behind her newspaper.

She was travelling down to Folkestone and beside her Gresilda Mayhew sat, giving Lady Gilsted moral courage, for Gresilda was always so right. She wore the right grey flannel tailor-made, knew the right people, and insisted upon being treated with deference, whereas Lady Gilsted, who was the widow of Gilsted's Potted Meat, had no savoir faire whatever, in spite of the fact that she could write cheques for hundreds and thousands of pounds in the exquisite security of an enormously solvent bank account.

From where she sat she could see the dangling luggage labels on their respective dressing cases. Lady Gilsted and The Honourable Gresilda Mayhew. It looked very well.

The man who sat opposite had a dash of Southern beauty and great personal charm; he was the type of man who Lady Gilsted went to the pictures to look at. The sort of man who understood women and understood clothes, for he was well if slightly unusually dressed. His hair was dark and his eyes full of a strange ironic charm, like the hero of a French novel; for indeed he was undeniably one of the conquering order. Probably Gresilda might regard him as too "foreign looking" and be scornful, but as she gave a covert glance in the direction of Miss Mayhew she saw that she too was taking stock of the man opposite with obvious interest.

"I'm so sorry," the gentleman in the corner seat apologised, for his foot had encountered the toe of Lady Gilsted's sandal shoe for the third or fourth time, "I seem to be very clumsy."

He had a delightful voice with just a faintly foreign accent which added to its charm. He smiled winningly at Pearl Gilsted and made her, somehow, feel young and beautiful and rich. She was already rich but it was some little time since she had been young and beautiful.

How easily the acquaintance opened, and how delightful it was to have such a fellow traveller. They were going to Beussant-aux-Fraises and Mr. de Vin was on his way further south—in fact—Cannes—and had, it transpired, a wish to see this new and fashionable resort for a day or two en route.

"He seems a gentleman, even though he is half French," Gresilda said as though it was a matter for surprise, and when he suggested their dining together she was quite pleasant about it.

And surely never had two wandering Englishwomen found a more ready and considerate travelling companion. Oddly enough he was staying at their hotel in Paris, and by the time they had got there, Lady Gilsted began to wonder how she had ever lived forty years of her life without such an amusing and considerate friend. Gresilda was not considerate. She was haughty and high-handed and always took the best room, making the staff believe that Pearl was a poor dependant. And now she seemed disposed to grab Mr. de Vin, and showed every sign of wishing to monopolise him: which was most unfair, for it was Lady Gilsted who had stuck out her foot; and her feet were pretty and really very small.

Mr. de Vin knew all the right people from Crowned Heads downwards, not that Lady Gilsted would have been able to tell whether it was pretence or fact, but Gresilda tried him out over a difficult course of titled relationships and found that he actually did know who was who, and even corrected her about Bobbie Skate, the third husband of the Duchess of Dunhopple, who was a friend of his and had given him a cigarette lighter which he showed with a smiling pleasure. There it was, Bobbie S. to his valued friend G. de Vin.

Lady Gilsted dressed as quickly as she could so as to get downstairs before Gresilda. They had arranged to

meet Mr. de Vin in the hall, and were all going out to dinner together: she wanted to be beforehand so as to have a chance of talking to him herself. Directly Gresilda came she would grab and keep talking of this awful smart world in which, certainly, Lady Gilsted had never lived or moved.

He was there waiting, very well dressed and all ready for his friends.

They sat together and he ordered two cocktails while Pearl watched him in silent admiration. It was rather disappointing to find that he wanted to know things about Gresilda; and in a faltering and halting voice, for she did not want to talk about Miss Mayhew, Lady Gilsted gave an account of her friend's antecedents. She was the only daughter of Lord Ballyporeen, an Irish Peer whose house had been burnt in the Civil War. They were travelling together because Gresilda was so fond of travel that she was hardly ever at home. Lady Gilsted herself had never travelled for Sir Obadiah had regarded anything beyond the English Channel as uncomfortable, so that she had never before been further than Bognor Regis or Eastbourne.

"Miss Mayhew knows the Continent extremely well," Mr. de Vin said, his eyes on Lady Gilsted's plump, good-natured little face, "almost as well as I do myself."

Even as he spoke Gresilda joined them and they went out for an evening's pleasure. Probably Gresilda did enjoy it, for Mr. de Vin paid her great attention. Though he seemed, at the same time, to preside over Lady Gilsted, know instinctively what she wanted, he hardly addressed a single remark to her. But he squeezed her hand as he held it to his lips and wished her pleasant dreams as they parted.

"I wonder if he has any money?" Miss Mayhew said as they went up in the lift together.

"Why not ask him?" Lady Gilsted said quite snappishly.

To be quite truthful, there was no real love lost between Gresilda Mayhew and Lady Gilsted, and before the three days in Paris were ended they were as far apart as the poles. Gresilda seemed to be getting off with Mr. de Vin, angular and hard as she was. She got up early to walk with him and generally made it appear, by hint if not by direct statement, that he was coming to Beussant-aux-Fraises solely and only for her beaux yeux.

Yet at the same time he seemed to incline considerably, if more silently, in the direction of Lady Gilsted. Once, when they were alone together, he said quickly and in a low voice, "I shall have something to say to you before I leave Beussant."

"What was it? What could it be?"

"He knows Everybody," Gresilda said as once more she and Lady Gilsted went up in the lift, the night before they left Paris. "He couldn't possibly take me in, and must be in very good society, and he's really rather sweet."

"If he knows everybody, mightn't it come a bit awkward?" Pearl asked.

"I mean—"

Miss Mayhew gave a nasty laugh like an angry horse finding fault with its oats, but made no other comment.

All the hot journey in the train to Beussant, Gresilda seemed to be getting away with it. She spoke French fluently with a very English accent, Pearl only spoke English and could not make her wants known in any foreign tongue, but Mr. de Vin was marvellous. He knew five languages and spoke them all like a native, so that Gresilda told him plump out that she guessed he was in the diplomatic service. He said that he might almost admit that such was the case. He still managed somehow to infer to Lady Gilsted that he liked her much better than Gresilda, though unfortunately she realised that he gave Gresilda exactly the same impression, and the heightened temperatures of the two ladies did nothing to make for calm.

Beussant-aux-Fraises, is, as all the world knows, a charming little place in Provence nestling in a valley, and composed almost entirely of hotels which are full of English people who can afford to pay through the nose and not in the ordinary way.

The Pavillon was one of the most expensive and thither the travellers were bound. It stood in a charming garden full of bosquets and pools, and the view at every turn was magnificent. Lady Gilsted's room was on the ground floor, as Gresilda had snatched the one with the balcony and insisted that if she did not have it she would be unable to sleep.

"Miss Mayhew seems exacting," Mr. de Vin remarked, "I could almost wonder why—?" he half closed an expressive eye. "Of course," he added quickly, "she is probably accustomed to being very grand indeed."

Lady Gilsted bit her lip. "If only I could speak French," she said, as though it was really an answer, which it hardly seemed to be, and then at once Gresilda joined them and said "That's that," in her high-handed abrupt way, having disposed of all opposition.

But what was it that Mr. de Vin meant to say to her? Pearl Gilsted longed to know, for by this time she was head over ears in love with him, and she had never been in love before. Obadiah wasn't the sort of man you could feel romantic about, and it was all so wonderful. And yet he did seem to be so unnecessarily nice to Gresilda. Surely he wasn't a philanthropist? That idea was too painful to consider, so she cast it from her at once.

How he managed at last to get her alone, Lady Gilsted hardly knew. But he did. He hired a car and took her for a drive one evening when twilight was creeping up the valley, and Gresilda was still playing tennis with a group of hearties who were also at the hotel.

Mr. de Vin was very serious. He gazed at her with the utmost concern and said that what he had to say, was likely to distress her, but as he was leaving by a very early train it had to be said, and he asked her pardon in advance in case she resented it.

"Nothing you could say—nothing—" she blushed and her eyes shone, and at that he looked so pained and pale that she put her hand on his, and he withdrew it slowly and sorrowfully, placing her small plump hand carefully back again on her lap.

"It's about Miss Mayhew."

"Oh?" her lips trembled. So it was Gresilda after all.

"She is an imposter," he said slowly. "There is no such person as Lord Ballyporeen and she has no claim to being an Honourable."

Lady Gilsted did not stir. She sat very still.

"It is my business, to know who people are," he explained, "and I assure you that it distresses me to think that you who are so ill-fitted to cope with life are being imposed upon. Will you ask her directly, if what I have told you is true?"

"But I know it is," Lady Gilsted gave a murmur of distress. "She is an Angel."

"Precisely," he said and his voice was dry. "She is employed by Tobias and Co., who cater for lonely ladies. Their so-called 'Angels' are all proficient linguists and good travellers."

"I got her from Miss Winkelbaum," Lady Gilsted said, crimson to the eyes, "she said all her angels were ladies born and bred and that they dressed exquisitely," and she suggested I should call her a cousin or a niece as it sounded better, but Miss Mayhew said she'd like to be an Honourable, so we agreed to that. Ever since, she has behaved as though I was dirt under her feet, and in the hotel in Paris I had a maid's room under the roof and she had the suite to herself. But what could I do? I was so afraid she'd make it worse and even leave me stranded. You don't despise me for having agreed to this pretence, knowing no French?" she looked up at him tearfully.

But Mr. de Vin was staring in front of him with a set and concentrated gaze. Nor did he speak again all the drive home, so that Lady Gilsted realised what his view of people who practise deception really was and how hopeless it was to think that he would ever pardon such a fault as hers.

Nor did she dare to mention what had occurred to Gresilda who was obviously furious to find that she had gone for a drive with Mr. de Vin, and asked her in tones of ice and iron if she had been crying.

Lady Gilsted went to bed instead of going to dinner, and later from her window she saw Gresilda and Mr. de Vin walking together, and in the stillness of the night she heard Gresilda saying, "Quite common and newly-rich. A nobody. I only travel with her out of kindness. Nothing else would induce me to be seen about with her."

Next day he was gone and the flatness of despair fell upon Pearl Gilsted. Gresilda was in a permanently bad temper and quarrelled with everyone in the hotel, until after a week of misery, Lady Gilsted decided that willy nilly she would go to Cannes to see if she could find Mr. de Vin. She mentioned the fact to Gresilda, who seemed pleased and excited and immediately went off to make the arrangements.

"Shall we stay at the Reine Marguerite or at the Grand Mogul?" she asked, coming back to the lounge where Pearl was sitting contemplating herself sorrowfully in a mirror.

"Which is the most expensive?"

"The Grand Mogul."

"Then we'll go there."

"Did de Vin say where he meant to stay?" Gresilda asked rather sharply.

"I thought he might have written."

"I got a box of orchids from Cannes," Lady Gilsted admitted. "Did he send you any flowers?"

"He'd never dream of sending me flowers, it's so silly," Miss Mayhew said disgustedly. "He's Secret Service, of course. I suppose you guessed that? I did. I told him I had, and he didn't deny it. Very well then, the Grand Mogul."

She flounced off with a return of her former ill-humour.

The next day they started for Cannes by car, and arrived at the vast white Palace facing a Venetian glass sea. It was indeed an expensive spot, and even Gresilda wasn't quite her haughty self, though she was well able to understand the importance of facade. Miss Winkelbaum (otherwise Tobias and Co.) knew this of her. She knew that Miss Mayhew never permitted herself to feel any human gratitude towards those she accompanied from Victoria Station to the Alpes Maritimes, and she usually apportioned her as "Angel" to the extremely rich who did not know the ropes. Lady Gilsted, who was rather like one of the Babes in the Wood, had been obviously Miss Mayhew's bird.

"Looks all right," she said, walking into the enormous marble hall ahead of Lady Gilsted. "Where is the Hall Porter?"

At the far end behind a polished counter a man was standing with his back—a vaguely familiar back—to them. Clad in a lovely pearl grey uniform with a silver collar.

"Hall Porter," Miss Mayhew said in her loud, commanding voice.

He turned round. It was Mr. de Vin!

For one instant all seemed confusion and chaos, almost as though a card castle tumbled about their ears, and then Lady Gilsted ran—positively ran forward, holding out two plump white hands.

The Management, a portly gentleman in a well-cut morning coat, hurried forward and spoke to Mayhew. "Gustave," he said over his shoulder, "these ladies—"

He turned round and stared in amazement, for Gustave was holding both hands of the stout, pretty little lady, who was laughing and crying and clinging to him quite unashamedly. (Continued on Page 17)

MESSAGES OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CZECHS

London, To-day.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE from the Foreign Secretary to the Czech people was broadcast in the Czech news talk last evening.

"To-morrow a year will have passed since the German Fuehrer, in spite of his most solemn assurances, proclaimed a protectorate over your country and sent his troops to occupy your ancient capital.

By that brutal and treacherous act Herr Hitler destroyed all faith in the pledged word of himself and of his Government.

H.K. HOTEL DIVIDEND

Subject to audit, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, at the 31st December, 1939, including \$317,560.44 brought forward from the previous year, amounted to \$1,001,118.60, which the Directors, at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Wednesday, the 17th April, 1940, will recommend allocating as follows:—To Pay a dividend of 50 Cents per share \$596,933.50; To Transfer to Repairs and Renewals Account \$37,124.54; To pay a Bonus to European Staff \$31,113.36; To Carry Forward to 1940 Account \$335,947.20.

CARD CASTLE

(Continued from Page 16)

edly.

"How disgusting," Miss Mayhew spoke at last, for she had been struck quite dumb. "What shockingly bad form."

"So you see, I found you," Lady Gilsted took no notice of anyone but Gustave, "wasn't I clever?"

"You were adorable. You always were," he put her hands to his lips. "Oui Monsieur, je viens."

P.S. Not long afterwards Lady Gilsted married Gustave and they lived happily ever after. Miss Mayhew is still an Angel.

WEATHER REPORT

This morning's sudden downpour resulted in 0.16 inches of rain being registered at the Royal Observatory in Kowloon.

This brings the total rainfall for the year to 2.48 inches, 1.48 inches below average.

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone has developed over China; depressions are situated in the vicinity of Hokkaido and over Indo-China.



Getting a rise out of a person is no fun unless you get a lift out of the flare-up.

But the act itself is less brutal than the rule of terror which has followed it. During the past year the world has learnt with indignation of the closing of your universities and schools, the arrest of your intellectual leaders systematic attempts to deprive your children of the educational facilities for which the country of Masaryk is justly famed, and to destroy not only the economic but also the spiritual life of your nation.

TRIBUTE TO COURAGE

"That these attempts have failed is a tribute to your courage and to your unity in adversity, and in your determined struggle for freedom the admiration and sympathy of the British people go out to you in equal measures.

"It is with a firm resolve to restore your freedom that the Governments and peoples of the British Empire have taken up arms together with their Allies. It is their high purpose to right the wrongs which you have suffered and to create a new Europe in which the recurrence of such an evil will be made impossible."

DR. BENES' MESSAGE

Following the message by the Foreign Secretary, Dr. Benes, second President of the Czecho-Slovak Republic, delivered a lengthy message to his countrymen.

In the course of it he said the Nazi plan, the launching of which was a year ago, to destroy and for ever enslave the Czech nation, had failed.

On that day, March 15, 1939, the whole world realized that ever since 1933 they had dealt with a Germany ruled by cynical and mendacious perjurers, co-operation with whom was impossible.

"In my opinion Nazism had to bring about war under any circumstances.

"To-day it is generally recognized that due to our sacrifice and to our present day suffering Europe has gained a whole year to prepare itself for the unavoidable attack of this aggressor."

NAZI TERRORISM

Dr. Benes recalled the horrors which followed upon the entry of Nazi troops into Czecho-Slovakia and stated that the numbers of Czechs arrested and gaoled in concentration camps ran into scores of thousands. Thousands had died as a result of violence and many hundreds had been tortured in the most inhuman manner and brutally executed.

At the same time, Dr. Benes said the Nazi regime had started to plunder their lands in an incredible manner.

"It has destroyed and confiscated our industry and agriculture. It destroys our forests and our lands. It has robbed our national bank and destroyed our financial resources, and attempted to lay their hands on everything we had abroad.

They try to exterminate our culture, literature, theatre and music."

Dr. Benes concluded with words of encouragement to his countrymen and with the conviction that the day of Allied victory, which would mark the return to Czecho-Slovakia of freedom, was not far away.—British Wireless.



Col. Simpson presenting the Seven-a-Side Rugby trophy to the captain of the Sappers' team after the final game last Monday.

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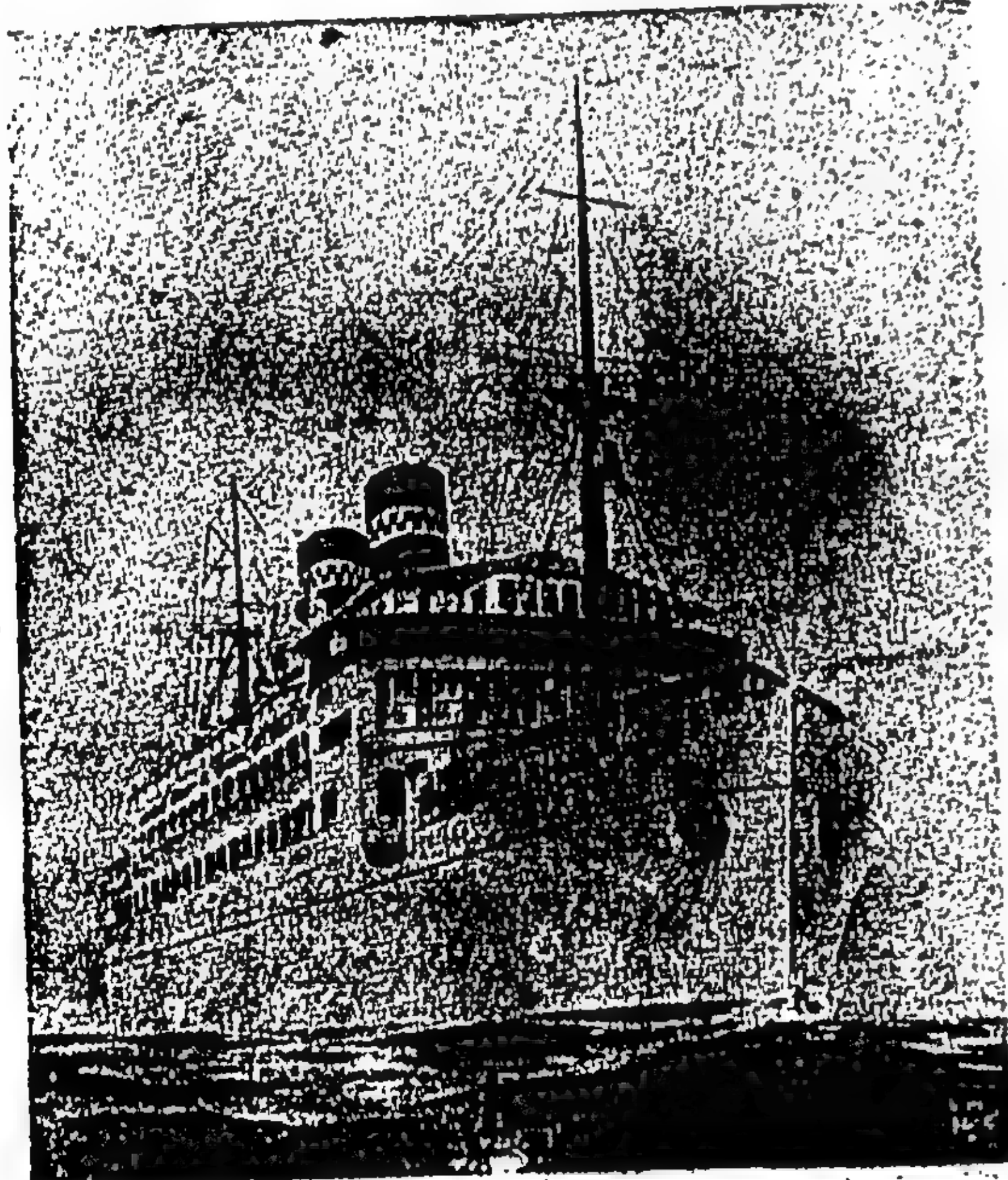
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Straits	March 15.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 17th Feb.)	March 15.
Japan	March 18.
Shanghai	March 15.
Japan and Shanghai	March 16.
Manila	March 16.
Shanghai	March 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date,	
9th March	March 17.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	March 17.
Saigon	March 17.
Haiphong	March 17.
Shanghai and Amoy	March 17.
Canton	March 17.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 25th Jan.)	March 18.
Japan	March 18.
Haiphong	March 18.
Shanghai and Amoy	March 18.
Japan	March 19.
Canton	March 19.
Shanghai	March 19.
Japan and Shanghai	March 19.
Japan and Shanghai	March 19.
Air-Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date,	
13th March	March 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
FRIDAY		
Fort Bayard		Mar. 15, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Mar. 15, 1.00 p.m.
Amoy		Mar. 15, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Mar. 15, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 3rd April.	K.P.O.	
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	G.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Mar. 15, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Mar. 15, 5.00 p.m.
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SATURDAY		
Shanghai		Mar. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Dairen		Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only)		Mar. 16, 12.30 p.m.
Straits (Parcels only)		Mar. 16, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Mar. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th March.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 16, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 16, 5.30 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Amoy		Mar. 17, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Canton		Mar. 18, 7.15 a.m.
Tourane, Saigon and Bangkok		Mar. 18, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Mar. 18, 1.00 p.m.
Canton		Mar. 18, 7.00 p.m.

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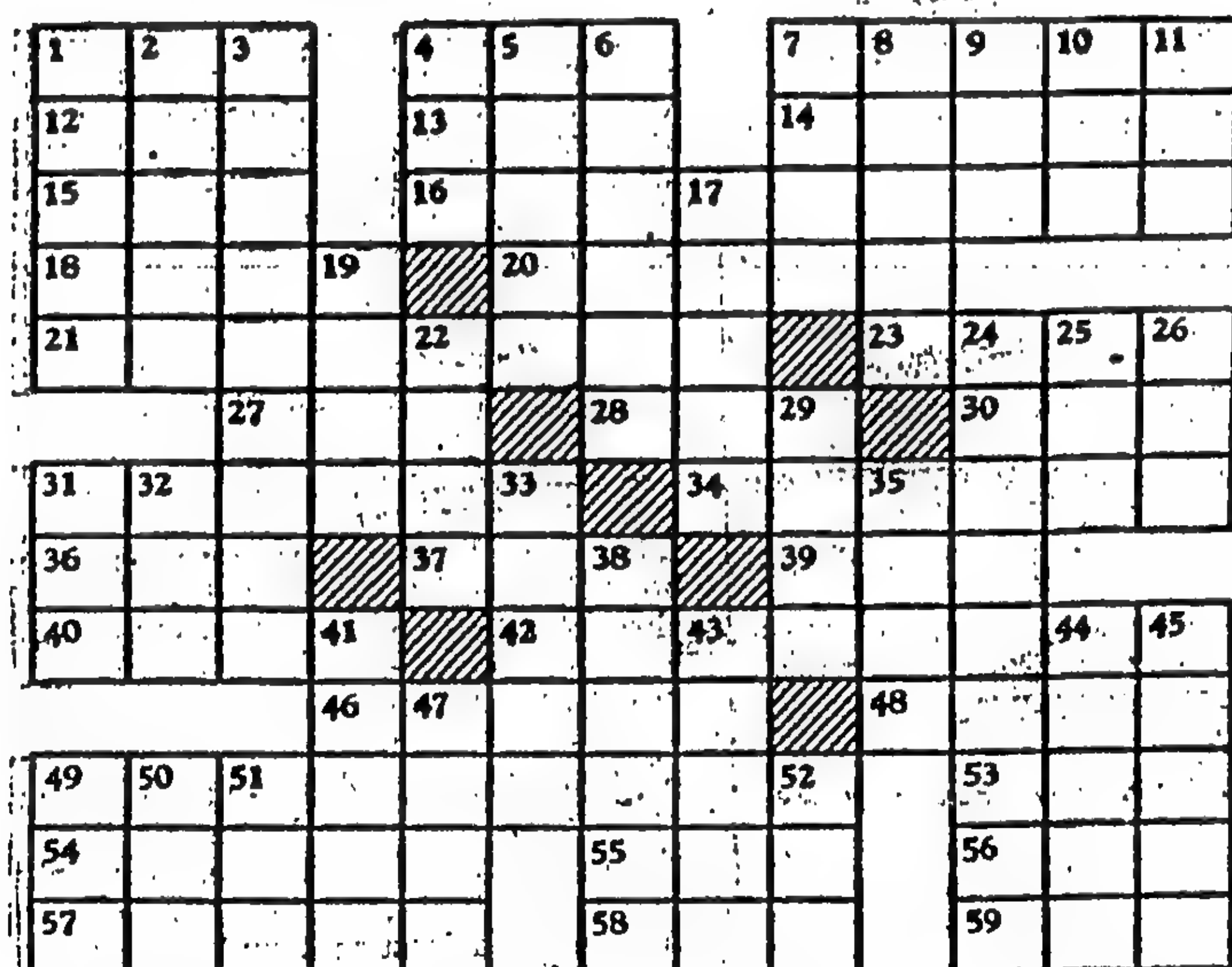
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- 1 Malay gibbon
- 4 Possessed
- 7 Underworld
- 12 Exist
- 13 Period of time
- 14 Order of tailless amphibians
- 15 Highest point
- 16 Brilliant
- 18 Alt
- 20 Settled course
- 21 Most indigent
- 23 Playground
- 27 Negative
- 28 Gratuity
- 30 Signal of dissent
- 31 Covered with paint
- 34 Wolf-like
- 36 Sloths
- 37 Insane
- 39 Goat
- 40 District in London
- 42 Deserter
- 46 Fictional detective
- 48 Short jacket

VERTICAL

- 53 Girl's name
- 54 Turns sharply
- 55 Moisture
- 56 To yield
- 57 Large artery
- 58 Before
- 59 To the left

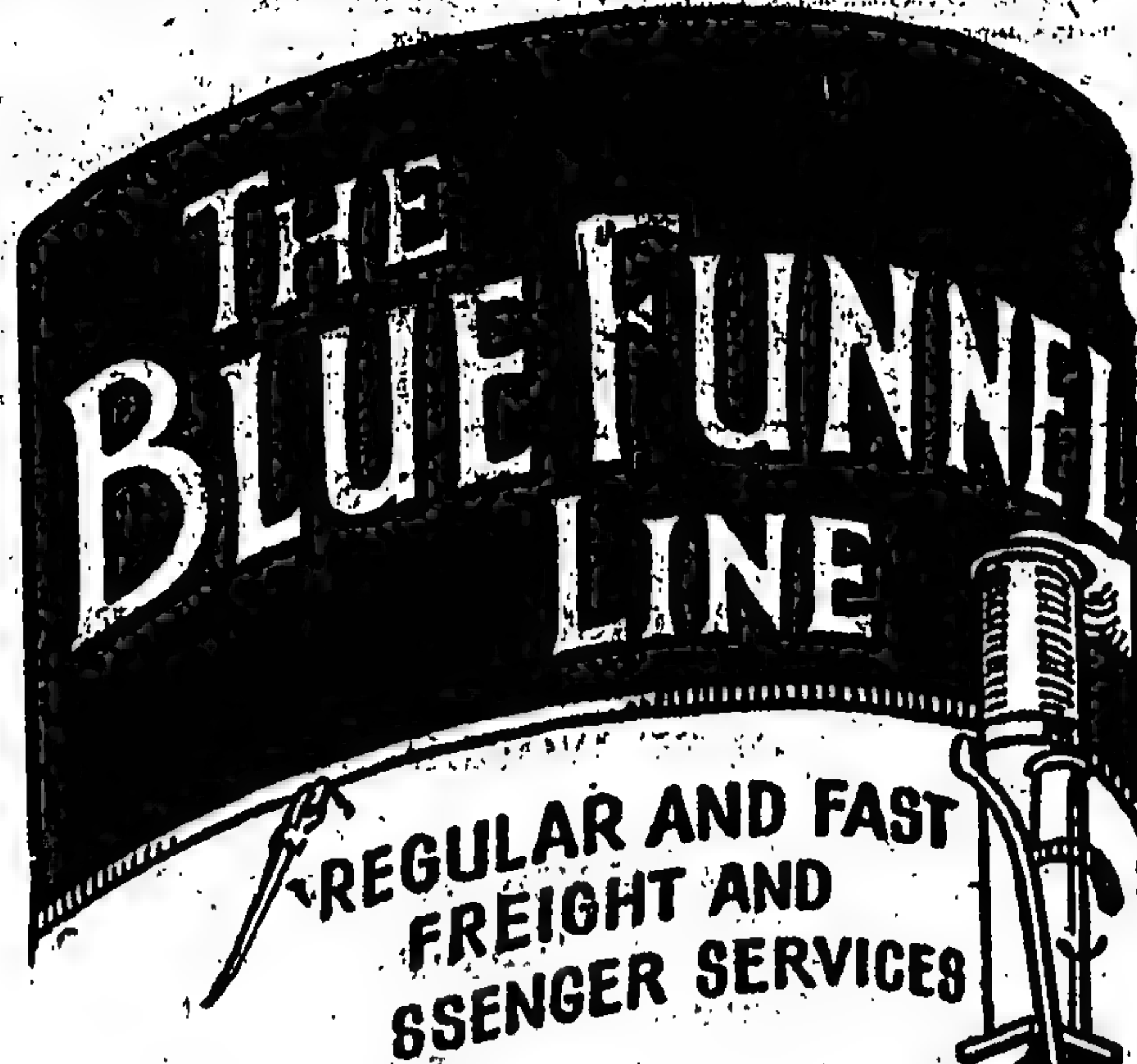
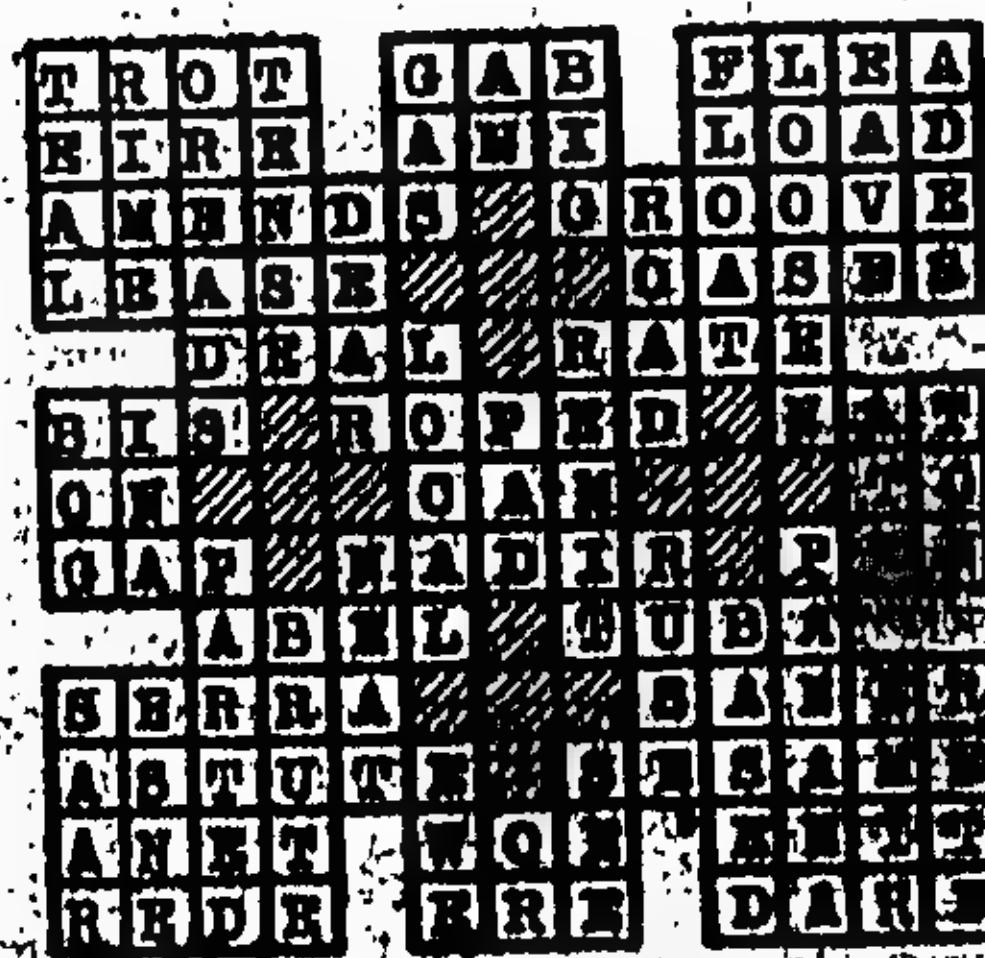
VERTICAL

- 1 Roman language
- 2 Ascended
- 3 To stock abundantly
- 4 Possessive pronoun

VERTICAL

- 5 Mountain ridge
- 6 Most secure
- 7 Nimbus
- 8 Vehement
- 9 Owning
- 10 Sea eagle
- 11 Posed
- 17 Up to
- 19 Biblical country
- 22 Separate article
- 24 Enlivening
- 25 Sped
- 26 To colour
- 29 Unadulterated
- 31 Dance step
- 32 River
- 33 Sews
- 35 Leaf
- 38 To determine
- 41 Outwardly manifest
- 43 At no time
- 44 Resister
- 45 Growing out
- 47 Handle
- 49 Yellow bugle
- 50 Prefix: new
- 51 Music: three
- 52 Female sheep

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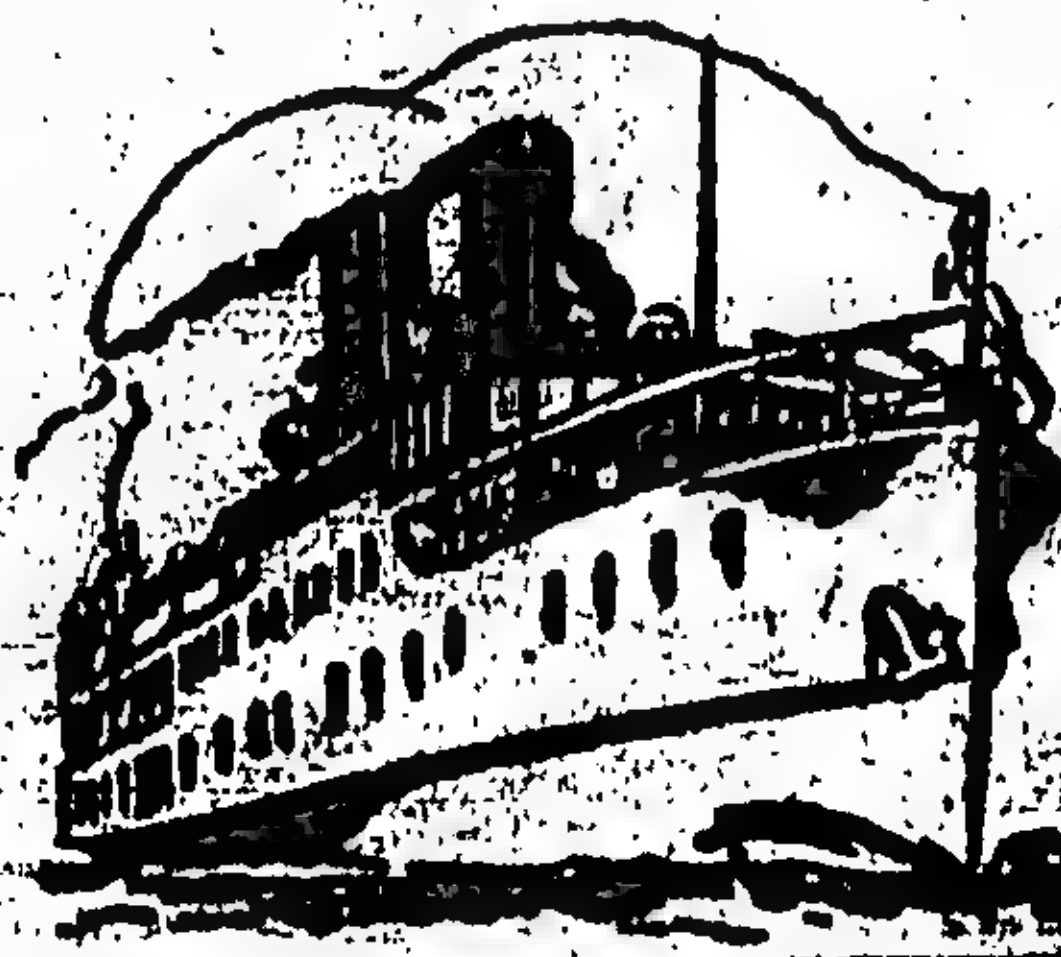
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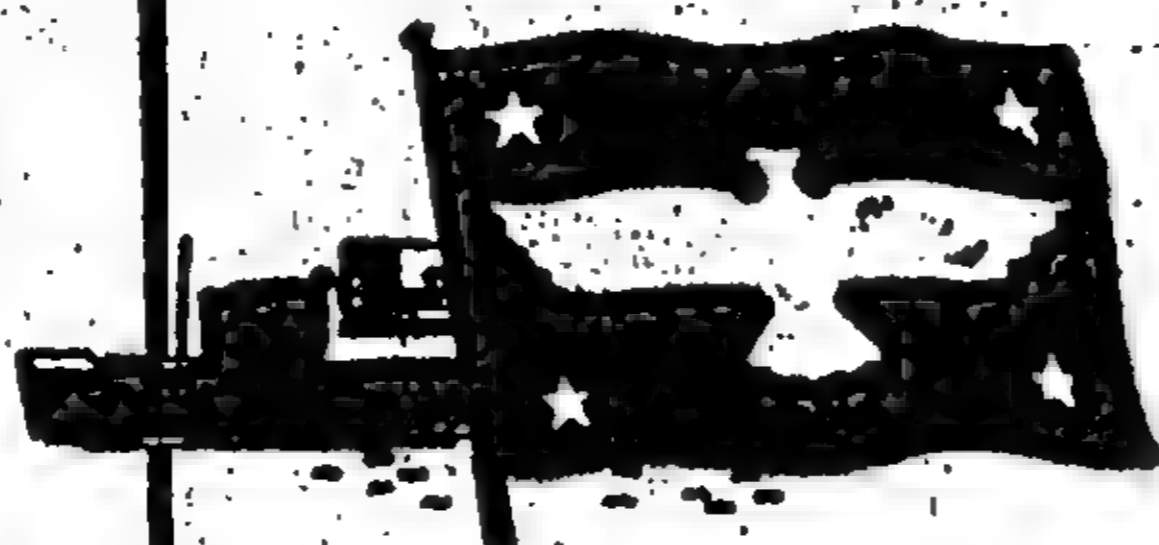
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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong
dollar to-day was 1/2 25/32.Silver was quoted at 20-11/16 spot
and 20-11/16 forward.The cross rate London/New York
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London £—U.S.\$3.71-7/8.

GOLF

ANNUAL MATCH

The following starting times have
been arranged for the annual golf
Club and Happy Valley Golf Club, to
match between Kowloon Golf,
be played on the Kowloon course on
Good Friday, March 22, (Kowloon
G.C. team named first):

SINGLES

9.00 A. E. Davies, J. T. Smith.
9.04 R. K. Collings, R. Young.
9.08 A. J. Dennis, A. McKellar.
9.12 W. S. Hillier, W. Sharp.
9.16 E. F. Fletcher, D. Humphries.
9.20 W. C. Simpson, T. Low.
9.24 W. A. Stewart, H. H. Mundy.
9.28 J. D. Thomson, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.32 T. Lamb, H. Smith.
9.36 A. A. Lopes, G. Davis.
9.40 W. V. Ahern, T. B. Low.
9.44 F. C. Barry, J. A. R. Selby.
9.48 G. P. Murphy, A. H. Penn.
9.52 G. Miln, G. Willerton.
9.56 A. W. Ramsey, N. J. Booker.
10.00 A. L. Eastman, G. T. May.

RESERVES

10.04 W. Kershaw, E. Tuck.
10.08 W. Bastin, A. J. MacFayden.

FOURSOMES

2.15 A. E. Davies and R. K. Collings, J.
T. Smith and R. Young.
2.20 A. J. Dennis and W. S. Hillier, A.
McKellar and W. Sharp.
2.25 E. F. Fletcher and W. C. Simpson,
D. Humphries and T. Low.
2.30 W. A. Stewart and J. D. Thompson,
H. H. Mundy and A. C. I. Bowker.
2.35 T. Lamb and A. A. Lopes, H. Smith
and G. Davis.
2.40 W. V. Ahern and F. C. Barry, T. B.
Low and J. A. R. Selby.
2.45 G. P. Murphy and G. Miln, A. H.
Penn and G. Willerton.
2.50 A. W. Ramsey and A. L. Eastman,
N. J. Booker and G. T. May.

RESERVES

2.55 W. Kershaw and W. Bastin, E. Tuck
and A. J. MacFayden.

FEDERATION TEAM FOR SUNDAY

Following have been chosen to re-
present Chinese Federation in the se-
cond game of the Governor's Cup com-
petition on Sunday at Caroline Hill.Lau Hing-hon (Eastern); Lee Tin-sang
(South China "A") and Lee Kwok-wai
(Kwong Wah); Kwok Ying-kee (South
China "B"); Leung Wing-chui (South China
"A") and Soong Ling-sing (South China
"A"); Cheung Yung-sang (Eastern), Chan
Kam-hoi (Eastern), Lee Wai-tong (South
China "A"), Lai Shui-wing (South China
"A") and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

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plans to become an American citizen.He will take the necessary steps as
soon as his birth certificate can be
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Royal Engineers cheering Col. Simpson who presented the Seven-a-Side Rugby trophy to the Sappers team.



Competitors at the Kowloon Junior School Sports.

LONDON ANALYSES THE GOEBBELS PROPAGANDA

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Secondly, for three months, while the eyes of the world have been on the epic events along Finland's frontier, the Allies have been steadily building up their strength—at a rate superior to that of which the German economy is any longer capable—in readiness to meet the shock of German arms if and when Herr Hitler decides to put them to the test.

IMPORTANT FACTOR

Those differences constitute in the opinion of many well qualified commentators a factor of such importance and of such unfavourable import to the Nazi prospects that it may account for the Misrepresentation of the latest developments.—British Wireless.

C.C.C. TEAMS

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:

1st XI v. C.S.C.C., Home:—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billmoria, A. R. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulise, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, A. N. Other and F. R. Zimmermann.

Umpire—G. Ladd; Score—H. W. Randall. 2nd XI v. Police, Away:—B. R. Iranee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. R. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way and J. L. Youngsaye.

Umpire—W. McNeill; Scorer—W. Broadbridge.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 21st March 1940 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March 1940 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P & O Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.

And for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.
2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

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VANITY FAIR JUST MISSES TRACK RECORD FOR MILE

Blocked Twice When Attempting To Take Lead

EXPANSION TIME GALAXY AND BOOLAT ONLY FAVOURITES NOT TO RECORD WINS

(By "RAPIER")

HONG Kong Jockey Club held their First Extra Race Meeting at the Valley last Saturday in warm and sunny weather, and the fairly large crowd which attended enjoyed a good afternoon's racing.

Mr. Donald Black scored two wins and a second to top the list of winning jockeys, while Mr. H. J. A. Hearne was second with two winners.

Mr. L. Dunbar headed the list of successful owners with two firsts, won by Dupont Bay and Galveston Bay.

The first race, the Hay and Corn Stakes, was a sprint affair from the 1½ mile post ridden by Novice jockeys, and resulted in an easy win for the ex-champion sub., Rose Evelyn, with Mr. Treverton up.

The race started with Piet Hein (Mr. Sequera) taking the lead, followed by Portrush (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) and Wilber (Mr. Ho Hong-ping), with Rose Evelyn in the middle. Coming into the straight, it became evident that the finish was going to be a tame affair once Rose Evelyn got into line with Portrush, which it did near the mile post and won as it liked by 1½ lengths, with Wilber third, another two lengths behind Portrush, just nosing out Piet Hein.

The Lotterers Stakes was another sprint event, with non-winning griffins of this season taking part. Here again the favourite scored, and those who backed Dupont Bay were not disappointed. Whilst I for one did not expect Dupont Bay to win so easily, I was surprised at the feeble challenge made by Possible (Mr. Tang Man-wa). The start saw Eve of Dancing (Mr. Proulx) get away first, but it was not long before Dupont Bay (Mr. Black) forged ahead with Possible hot on its heels. This position remained unchanged except that White Diamond (Mr. Pih) came up to third position after passing the Rock and on entering the home stretch Dupont Bay had a clear two lengths lead from Possible, with White Diamond coming up strongly. Dupont Bay went on to win in a canter, but a battle royal was fought out between Possible and White Diamond, which the judges could not separate when the winning post was reached, the result being a dead-heat.

VANITY FAIR'S BAD LUCK

The third race, the Randwick Plate (First Section) over a mile, for Australian ponies of this season that have not won a race, was quite interesting to watch up to a certain stage, but the finish was rather tame. The favourite, Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip Kul-ming), took the lead and it won as it liked. Ascot Day (Mr. Chao) was first away, followed by Pumelo (Mr. Proulx), Shuttlecock (Mr. Wei), Vanity Fair and Franklin (Mr. Needa). On reaching the seven furlongs post, Vanity Fair was seen trying to take the lead, but it was blocked by the ponies ahead of it, and Mr. Needa, who was on the outside, sent Franklin into the lead, with a terrific burst of speed. After passing the 1½ mile post Vanity Fair again tried to come forward but met without success—it was again blocked—but fortunately only for a short duration as it got through on nearing the Rock and, after overtaking Franklin, it ran home an easy winner by three lengths from Ascot Day, second favourite, which had the better of Princess Clara, by two lengths. Had Vanity Fair not been blocked twice it would certainly have smashed Strathroy's track record for the mile distance as it was only 1-1/8 seconds outside the record.

Backers of the favourite in the fourth race, the Hong Kong Handicap (First Section), were badly let down. It was contested over 1½ miles, and Galaxy (Mr. Chao) carried 1,890 tickets to win and 1,603 to place, only to run most disappointingly. It was left to Hopeful Star, a griffin of this season cleverly ridden by Mr. Hearne, to spring a surprise. Galaxy's failure in this race is hard to understand, but it was probably due to Mr. Chao's misjudgment when trying to catch Rob Roy (Mr. Encarnacao), a little too soon.

Red Feather (Mr. Wei) was away from the gate first, followed by Galaxy, Avon

(Mr. Black), Hopeful Star and Rob Roy. On reaching the football stands Mr. Encarnacao sent Rob Roy forward to take the lead and it was running so strongly that it looked as if it was going to win. Mr. Chao rode Galaxy hard up the incline, and this effort resulted in the pony showing signs of tiredness once the straight was reached, and, although it led on coming down the home stretch, it could not stave off the challenge from Avon on the rails and Hopeful Star on the outside.

In the meantime a spirited fight ensued between Avon and Hopeful Star for the first position and it ended in favour of the latter by a neck with Red Feather third, half a length behind.

The fifth race, the Moonie Ponds Handicap (First Section) for Australian ponies of any season that had started since February 16 and not won, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double", saw Lady Northcote's Devonian cover the mile in the fast time of 1.44.3, being 1/5 of a second outside Strathroy's record for this distance, though out 5 lb. below weight for inches.

EXPANSION TIME'S FAILURE

Punters were due for a second shock in the next race, the Hong Kong Handicap (Second Section) over 1½ miles. Expansion Time (Mr. Tao) carried the bulk of the money and failed dismally. This pony, ridden by Mr. Wei, dead-heated with Potentate for second position in the Ichang Handicap from the two mile post on the fifth day of the Annual Meeting and yet on Saturday, running practically in the same field, it was unplaced.

Jobber (Mr. Chao) took the lead from the start, followed by Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) on the rails and Taxing Master (Mr. Black) alongside; then came Expansion Time. Coming into the home stretch Jobber had a commanding lead, followed by Peaceful View and Expansion Time, which was experiencing difficulty and had to be whipped, but even then Rose Jane (Mr. Poy), which had been lying fourth all the time, came up with a fine burst of speed over the last 100 yards to secure third place.

The Randwick Plate (Second Section), over a mile, for non-winning Australian subs. of this season, was the second leg of the "Daily Double", and it certainly provided a tame finish immediately the favourite, Albury (Mr. Encarnacao), got in front at the two mile post.

Income Tax (Mr. Liang) took the lead, but before the half mile post was reached, Sea Jay (Mr. Proulx) displaced it, followed by Maple Star (Mr. Tao), Spring Shine (Mr. Pih) and Albury. On rounding the bend Sea Jay was still leading, but it was being strongly challenged by Maple Star and Albury. The latter went into the lead at the 1/2 mile post and never looked back. Sea Jay coming in second and Maple Star third. There were 308 tickets on Albury in the Double, and the holders were paid the meagre sum of \$26.20 for a \$5.00 ticket.

GALVESTON BAY'S FIRST WIN

The best race of the day was witnessed in the All Out Stakes, confined to China ponies that had started and not won since February 16, with ponies classified "A" and "B" classes barred. This race gave Mr. L. Dunbar's Galveston Bay its first win in its racing career, and it was very ably handled by Mr. Hearne. Boolat Bay (Mr. Tao) carried 2,847 tickets and Galveston Bay 1,471

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THERE was quite an interesting five game Ten Pin match played on March 7, between the old stalwarts, Joe Harvey and his men—the regular "Asheville" ship's team—and another team from the same ship who had challenged them; the latter team was styled the "Asheville Champs."

As was expected, Harvey and his men won very easily by the large margin of 504 pins, although the "Asheville Champs" played quite well.

The individual scores were as follows:—

ASHEVILLE ASHEVILLE CHAMPS

W. J. Balaski.....863 L. S. Pawloski.....760

C. G. Cunningham.....843 B. M. Johnson.....735

M. O. Gray.....817 V. V. Vining.....686

J. A. Harvey.....782 W. E. Wood.....620

As can be seen by the scores Harvey's team was too good for their opponents.

Balaski's score of 863 was the highest of the match, being an average of 173 pins per game, while Cunningham was a very good second with 843 or 169 pins per game; actually the total score of 3305 works out at slightly under 160 pins per man per five games.

BALASKI'S FINE SCORE

Balaski was the only player in the match to score over 200—he made 230 on his third game, which was made up as follows:—commencing with two strikes, one eight on his third frame, then two strikes, two spares, the striking out with five strikes in a row; but this is not unusual for Balaski, he can always be depended upon to be in the running where high scores are concerned.

On turning up his match games I find that for the last 10 matches his total pinnage was 7944 pins or an average of 79.4 pins per match. Joe Harvey's score of 782 was not very good for him, but this no doubt can be accounted for by the fact that he started off in his first game with 112 only!

Pawloski for the Asheville Champs was top scorer for his side with 760, or an average of 152 per game, and B. M. Johnson was second with 735 or an average of 147 pins per game.

Feature of this match was the friendly badinage, razzing, and barracking by Chief Petty Officer Summers at the back, such as—"your Slipping; Oh! Boy that was a sloppy one etc., etc. However it was a thoroughly enjoyable game, and the players on both sides did not seem to heed the heavy barrages from the rear—to say nothing of Joe Landolt's scoring, which was performed under very trying circumstances!

CHALLENGE MATCH

The Chief Petty Officers of the Asheville had challenged the winners of the match between the Champs and the Alley Team, and as the Champs were successful in beating the Alley Team on March 5, the C.P.O. played the winners (the Champs) on March 8.

This resulted in a win for the Champs by 254 pins, the scores being:—

THE CHAMPS ASHEVILLE C.P.O.

Ernie Hearther.....830 C. J. Summers.....788

Dick Venezia.....801 C. S. Edwards.....788

Doc Molthen.....761 G. C. Merkel.....711

Chas Miller.....728 E. L. Wood.....633

There is no doubt that had the Champs played as well right through as each player played in their first four games, the difference in scores would have been much greater; as it was Ernie Hearther and his men registered only 514 on their last games or 129 pins per player, Hearther recording 110 and Molthen 109.

Summers of the C.P.O. team was top scorer for his side with 788 or an average of 157 pins per game—a good effort. C. S. Edwards was second with 735 or an average of 147 pins per game.

The C.P.O. team, with more practice at the game, would give some of our local talent a run for their money.

On March 10, there was an impromptu friendly five game match arranged between Royal Signals and Mindanao. This resulted in a decide win for the Royal Signals by 192 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

ROYAL SIGNALS MINDANAO

H. Blount.....807 F. P. Hollis.....759

G. Somerville.....751 J. R. Tood.....713

J. H. Watts.....751 D. M. Keplinger.....695

D. J. Hall.....709 J. C. Thomas.....659

Corp. Blount of the Royal Signals was the only player to reach the 800 mark—he made 807—an average of 161 pins per game. H. Hollis, of Mindanao, notched second highest score of 759 or an average of 152 pins per game. Somerville and Watts tied for second place with 751 or an average of 150 pins per game. All these players can do much better than this. Hall is a newcomer to match play, but did quite well to make 709 or 142 average per game, and I expect this player will be in the headlines before long. The Mindanao team did very well to make 2828 or an average of 141 pins per player per game.

HEARTHER'S FORM

On March 12, there was some really excellent bowling by that veteran bowler, Ernie Hearther. There is no doubt that he has got back his old form again. It was the consensus of opinion before he went on home leave that he was easily the best bowler in the Alleys and now that he has got his hand legs back after his holiday, he has got his bowling harness on again.

On Tuesday, while playing three ordinary games, he put up three good scores, that is 212, 265 and 226 respectively. The total for the three games was 703 pins, therefore his average for each game was 234 pins. This is a record for the Alleys. His 265 is the record score for this month and with a little luck he might have beaten the record score in the Alleys for a single game which was put up by Corp. Watts last month.

Ernie's effort was as follows:—starting off with two spares on his first and second frame, he then made 8 strikes in a row, and finishing up with an 8 on his first extra ball to get a spare with his second extra ball, but even had he struck out with his last two balls he would still have only been 277, one pin short of Corp. Watts' score. It was a good effort and is the best score Ernie has made in these Alleys, his next best being in April last, when he notched 259 pins.

Mrs. E. Stevenson has realised her ambition and has reached the 200 at Ten Pins. This she accomplished on Wednesday morning, March 13, when she made the very fine score of 202 and is therefore now a member of the 200's Club. She is the third lady to reach this high honour, Mrs. Ismail and Mrs. Horton having been members for some time.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

AN enterprising correspondent has submitted a team which he considers would ably represent the Army in its next match and this has led me to wonder that there have not been more letters on the same lines considering the amount of criticism the selectors are subjected to.

In no branch of sport will the selectors of representative teams please everybody but in football this is even more noticeable, especially in Hong Kong. Here there are so many players on a par with each other that no matter who is selected they will normally be subjected to adverse criticism by supporters of the other aspirants to the position.

Actually there are numerous players worthy of a trial but a representative match is hardly the place for this. The subject of trials has always been a sore point and it is too late in the season now to do anything regarding this, but undoubtedly the subject will be gone into thoroughly next season and a satisfactory decision reached.

The whole trouble appears to be that owing to other fixtures it is rather difficult to fit trials into suitable dates.

There is a final point about this selection of Army teams, and that refers to the selectors themselves. It would undoubtedly improve matters if those appointed to select the team could visit at least one different unit fixture per week and gain a general knowledge of every team instead of probably being able to quote the qualities of the players of his own particular unit, and one or two others well known from previous army games.

THE Indian ranks literally run away with the cross-country run on Tuesday and are to be congratulated on their fine performance. Undoubtedly they are trained to fitness for this type of sport and that is the all-important factor. Corpl. Sutherland, of Royal Scots, is to be congratulated on being the first of the British Ranks to run in and will probably be out to prove this was no fluke by winning the Kowloon Marathon, organized by St. Andrew's Church. This takes place on Friday, 29th. March at 5 p.m., commencing from St. Andrew's Church. The course continues along Nathan Rd., Waterloo Rd., Pr. Edward Rd., Kowloon City, Ma Tau Kok, Chatham Rd. to the Peninsula Hotel, Nathan Rd., and back to St. Andrew's.

ROYAL Scots were unable to stop R.E. from winning the Rugby "double" and must be sympathized with in meeting this Unit at a time when they are in such grand form. There must be quite a little feud between these two teams as the R.E. pipped them to the championship of the Second Division "B" Football League. The winning of the "double" by the Sappers was a fine performance and they deserve the congratulations of all concerned.

THE Large Units cricket final will now take place on the 26th March instead of the 23rd. This will be between R.E. (again) and C.S.U.

UNFORTUNATELY R.A.S.C. have had to drop out of the S. U. Rugby League owing to inability to turn out a full team. Theirs has been an uphill struggle, and they deserve credit for carrying on under strength. Better lucky next year. The last match of this competition takes place on Saturday between R. Signals and 24 Bty. R.A.

In a Third Division League football match played at Stanley yesterday, the 12th Heavy Battery, R.A., defeated the Royal Engineers by five goals to one. Goal-scorers for the winner were Richards (2), Millar, Sreer and Byres. Gould scored the only goal for the Engineers.

TENNIS SCORES AT A GLANCE

OPEN DOUBLES

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Lee Hua-kek and W. Leonard by 6-2, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES

A. C. I. Bowker (-3.0) beat F. D. Hunter (-1.6) by 6-2, 6-2.
M. Pagh (-30.3) beat G. S. Lovett (-1.2) by 6-2, 6-1.
E. Zulauf (-15) beat W. G. Harvey (-2.0) by 8-6, 6-2.
W. M. Barton (-3.0) beat C. M. Stark (-1.3) by 7-5, 6-1.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

B. O'M. Deane and N. Spencer (-4.6) beat H. D. Bldwell and T. T. Dow (-3.0) by 10-8, 6-3.
N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert (scr.) beat J. R. M. Smith and D. J. S. Crozier (scr.) by 3-0, 6-6, 6-2.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

H. J. Armstrong beat G. C. Burnett by 6-4, 9-7.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (scr.) beat Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine (-1.6) by 6-2, 7-5.

ARMY CRICKET

ORDNANCE BEAT SIGNALS

The semi-final of the Army Small Units' Knock-Out Competition was decided at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat Royal Corps of Signals by 7 wickets.

SIGNALS

Cpl. Blount, c Gardner, b Boocock	0
Cpl. Bedford, b Boocock	3
L/Cpl. Murphy, l.b.w., b Boocock	6
Cpl. Tomlinson, c Munton, b Emberson	13
Sig. Sharland, c Gardner, b Boocock	0
L/Sgt. Brackenbury, b Boocock	2
Sig. Lees, c and b Emberson	4
Sig. Lithaueur, c Bridge, b Emberson	7
Sig. Medford, c Stephens, b Emberson	0
L/Cpl. Love, l.b.w., b Boocock	9
L/Cpl. Parry, not out	2
Extras (W1, B1)	2
Total	53

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boocock	11.5	2	33	6
Emberson	11	1	18	4

R.A.O.C.

Capt. Bridge, c Blount, b Murphy	7
S. Cdr. Gardner, c Brackenbury, b Blount	4
S. Sgt. Meekings, st. Lithaueur, b Murphy	4
S. Sgt. Munton, retired	34
Cpl. Boocock, b Medford	10
S. Sgt. Emberson, retired	16
Pte. Reynolds, not out	13
Sgt. Aughlaux, b Lees	4
Cpl. Jeffrey, not out	2
Extras (W1, LB14, LB1)	16
Total (for 7 wickets)	110

Pte. Stephens and Pte. Pinder did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Blount	5	2	12	1
Murphy	5	0	34	2
Sharland	1	0	16	0
Bedford	1	0	4	0
Parry	1	0	9	0
Medford	1	0	8	1
Lees	1	0	2	1
Brackenbury	1	0	0	0

BOWLING ALLEYS

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On March 8, I noticed one of the most cosmopolitan gatherings I have ever seen in the Alleys. There were playing side by side British, American and French Naval service men, and British, Russian, and American civilians, and I was very agreeably surprised to see the spirit of camaraderie between them all. The French Sailors had never even seen the game before, but their Naval brethren of U.S.A. and H.M. Navy soon made them feel comfortable by taking them up to the Alleys and showing it to them. The language question of course proved to be a difficulty but this was got over by sundry gesticulations which seemed to be well understood by the three nationalities. It was an interesting sight and well worth seeing.

Owing to the fact that entrants to the Singles Handicap Competition have yet to submit their score cards for handicapping purposes, I am unable to announce the date for the commencement of the competition in these Jottings.

The record scores in the Alley for the month of February was as follows:—

LADIES DUCK-PINS

Mrs. J. S. Landolt (-12) v. T. T. Sheehan (-12)

TEN-PINS

Mrs. E. Stevenson (-10) v. J. H. Watts (-7)
Cpl. Watts now has his name engraved on the Watson Shield, and receives a replica of the same, and a supply of Tiger Beer from Messrs. Watson and Company.

LEONARD AND LEE VERY ERRATIC

(By "ADREM")

IN a brief match at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn, former holders of the doubles title, won easily against Joe Leonard and Lee Hua-kek, the scores being 6-2, 6-3.

Although they were given little opposition, the Rumjahns showed sufficient of their form to indicate an easy passage to the final, where it is highly probable that they will be able to give the Tsuis as good a game as they have ever had.

I have seen the Rumjahns in action for as many years as I can remember but I never fail to be impressed by their court manners. I would rather be beaten by a Rumjahn than anyone else in the Colony. Yesterday their calmness in the face of some very bad umpiring decisions, and the fact that they always gave the appearance of going all out despite the poor form of the opposition, was an object lesson to any youth with championship aspirations.

LEONARD'S "CONTROL"

Leonard, on the other hand, became badly rattled in the first set by those same decisions and his game suffered in consequence. I will say this, however. Leonard showed far more control over his "temperament" than he has ever done hitherto, and there were certainly many occasions when the temper of the most equitable player would have been tried.

From a spectator's standpoint the match was most disappointing. There were one or two good rallies but the consistency of the Rumjahns and the inconsistency of their opponents did nothing to prolong the exchanges and the final stages of the second set provided some of the quickest games I have seen this year.

Sirdar's service yesterday showed little improvement and his old proneness for serving doubles became apparent in the second game of the match, when he was responsible for two of them. That was, however, the only real weakness I could detect in either his game or H. D.'s. Their volleying was as crisp as ever and their groundstrokes just as reliable.

LEE INCONSISTENT

For the losers, Leonard showed little increase in the pace of his groundstrokes although on occasions he did flash over series of speedy backhand drives. His usually reliable forehand was very erratic while his volleying was not pacy enough to be effective.

Lee started off fairly well and gave the impression that he would give his partner a lot of support. He fell away badly and was inconsistent throughout. He makes the big mistake, when volleying, of watching his opponents instead of the ball!

BLUNDERS

In the Club championship, H. J. Armstrong beat G. C. Burnett in straight sets though 16 games had to be played in the last set.

The match was full of unpardonable blunders and both players appeared out of practice and lacked concentration.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Open Doubles

Pang Oh-lam and Leung Ping-chi v. J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet (5).

Club Championship

D. M. Macdougall v. C. H. R. Hyde (8).

Club Handicap Doubles

A. C. I. Bowker and A. H. Penn (plus 1/6) v. G. C. Burnett and W. Stoker (-5/6) (2).

T. A. Pearce and F. D. Hunter (-3/6) v. C. D. N. Walker and E. L. Taverner (scratch) (4).

Club Handicap Singles

A. Lade (-4/6) v. J. R. M. Smith (scratch) (1).

T. J. Gould (-30) v. R. C. Beavan (-2/6) (3).

H. J. Armstrong (-30) v. S. M. Garrard (-15) (6).

C. B. Nicholson (-3/6) v. E. R. C. (plus 1/6) (7).

K.C.C. TOURNEY CANCELLED

Owing to insufficient support the American mixed doubles tennis tournament arranged by Kowloon Cricket Club to be played on Sunday has been cancelled.



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THE end of the local football season is now in sight and by this time next month there will be but few games left, with little interest and importance attached to any of them.

It is anticipated that the football season will close on April 22, which, if it does, will be a credit to the Hon. Secretaries, who have had a trying season owing to the many unavoidable postponements. In doing this, however, it appears that St. Joseph's have had to make more sacrifices than other teams.

Their gates against South China "B" and Kwong Wah had to be sacrificed in order that other teams might benefit, while in an effort to finish their own fixtures in time, and to leave other teams free on Saturdays to catch up on their postponed games, they have already played midweek games with depleted teams.

Saints had to concede two valuable points to Club recently when, with four volunteers unable to obtain leave from camp, they were able to field only seven men. The fixture was considered a friendly and was played with the assistance of several outsiders.

At present Saints are last in the League table, but they should not again occupy that position this season as they will again be helped by several useful Army players.

They have already secured the services of three good players in Rey-

FOOTBALL REVIEW

(By "REFEREE")

nolds, Stevens and Nichols and, with the rest of the team available, should collect at least eight of their 12 remaining points.

POLICE surprised their own spectators on Sunday with their performance in the Shield semi-final against South China and but for slight weakness in attack might easily have created a big upset.

THE junior semi-final ties all ended in draws after extra time and the replays will be played on Saturday week on Club ground. It is highly probable that Sappers will meet Gunners in the final.

SERVICE Corps received a severe jolt to their championship hopes when they were forced to share the points with Kumaons on Wednesday. One can never forecast what the Indian team is likely to do, and during the season they have had many good wins to their credit, including those against South China.

AFTER the remainder of the season's fixtures had been drawn up it was again found necessary for them to be revised on account of Eastern, who wish to complete their fixtures before

April 10. They have now contracted to play five games in Manila between April 13 and April 20.

THE team chosen to represent the Colony should win against Macao but it would be interesting to know what guided the selectors. The team is not representative of the best talent in the Colony and it is not what many would think it to be—"the Colony's second string," as the team includes A. V. Gosano, and F. Fowler, who were recently chosen for Shanghai or Saigon.

I HOPE that Army will dig below the surface and get a team for the Lai Wah Cup worthy of the British Army. The so-called well-known Army players have been in action so many times and are a bit over-worked in representative games and I feel sure that with a little trouble and common-sense Army could field a good side. Rumours are prevalent about good players in Junior teams and it may worth the while of the Army selectors to "look around."

CONGRATULATIONS to B.Q.M.S. Ford on his appointment to officiate at the Macao Interport game.

PERMISSION for the Corps Artillery and regular Artillery football game has been obtained and all that remains is for Mr. Ford to "get busy." The game will probably be played on April 6.

WHILE on Volunteer football, what about a game between Volunteers and Combined Services? The Corps could field a very strong side as they have all the Civilian First Division players available and several from the Chinese teams.

HEARTENED by the financial success of their last whist drive, Hong Kong Football Referees' Association are holding another on March 29. As the result of experience gained they expect the next function to be more successful and that they will soon have enough funds for their new club house. They hope!

TIN Lap-fat popular manager of South China football teams, left for Shanghai yesterday on a short business trip.

HOSSACK, of Royal Scots, who was chosen for the right wing position in the Association team for the Governor's cup game on Sunday, will not be available and his place will be taken by F. Fowler.

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	Games		
P.	L.	W.	
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	27	5	22
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	21	2	19
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	24	6	18
H. Kew and E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's)	24	7	17
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	18	2	16
H. Eardley and R. C. Beavan (St. John's)	18	4	14
N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	21	7	14
F. Kwok and D. Kwok (St. John's)	15	2	13
John Chen and F. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	3	12
A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio)	15	3	12

GOLF CLUB
STARTING
TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Fanning:—

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
9.20	M. Pollock, G. M. Park.
9.24	J. G. Jensen, J. J. von Muhlen.
9.28	Brig. MacLeod, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.
9.32	J. B. Lanyon, L. B. Andrewes.
9.36	W. Hewitt, A. H. McBride.
9.40	J. C. Brown, L. Jackson.
9.44	J. M. Pearson, G. Thomerson.
9.48	E. H. Williams, T. Megarry.
9.52	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.56	J. Linaker, J. B. Harrison.
10.00	I. P. Tamworth, G. T. Harrington.
10.04	W. W. C. Shewan, H. N. Williamson.
10.08	J. L. C. Pearce, R. G. Parker.
10.12	R. Young, S. L. Lloyd.
10.16	A. Nicol, W. Woodward.
10.20	D. Humphreys, E. T. McMullen.
10.24	F. Groves, J. Stenersen.
10.28	A. J. Dennis, J. T. Smith.
10.32	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36	F. A. Redmond, J. C. Taylor.
10.40	J. Harrop, D. L. Prophet.
10.44	R. S. W. Paterson, A. B. Purves.
10.48	A. H. Penn, S. A. Sleep.
10.52	W. J. Kelly, J. W. Clague.
10.56	H. M. Rowland, P. M. Cotton.
11.00	P. E. Annis, G. C. Aitkenhead.
11.04	A. C. I. Bowker, W. F. Simmons.
11.08	L. M. S. Lloyd, J. E. Jupp.
11.12	G. C. Worrall, A. T. Lay.
11.16	R. R. de L. Liesching, H. B. Williamson.
11.20	A. C. Meredith, I. H. C. Hight.
11.24	E. W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.

New Course

9.24 a.m.	D. L. Strellett, D. D. Forbes.
9.32	L. A. R. and Mrs. Duncan.
9.36	J. W. Mayhew, Mrs. Smalley.
10.00	H. F. Phillips, A. Ritchie.
10.12	R. C. and Mrs. Stewart.
10.16	Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Woodward.
10.24	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.
10.32	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
11.24	Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.

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WINNER'S STAMINA
CARRIES HIM THROUGH

(By "ADREM")

THE LARGE CROWD of badminton enthusiasts who made the journey to King's College last night in order to see Henry Eardley in action against P. S. Bun, were disappointed in that this fixture did not come off, but they were treated to a display of badminton that must rank as one of the finest ever seen in the Colony.

It is seldom that two players so well-matched as K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew are seen in action against each other. The latter was the cleverer player and, in the course of the evening, produced practically every shot in the book, but Yong's superior stamina enabled him to recover lost ground at vital periods and emerge the winner by the narrowest of margins.

DRAMA!!

It is probable that the closing stages of that final game will go down in local history as one of the most dramatic interludes ever seen in a badminton match. Although both men were in the last stages of exhaustion — not surprising considering they had been at it for about 90 minutes — they provided some sparkling rallies, many of which were concluded amid cheering which the spectators simply could not withhold.

Particularly gallant was Chew's last desperate bid, when being led 14-11. Match point after match point was saved and then, with two perfect smashes which had Yong beaten all ends up, he drew up to within an ace. It was still not over. Service changed hands several times before Chew beat Yong with a perfect drop shot to set the scores.

On it went again. Drop matched drop, smash matched smash. Both men disguised pace and direction almost perfectly and both were forced to cover the entire court. Yong, however, was the stronger and eventually won 3-1 or 17-15.

On two occasions Yong, after losing the first game badly, had to fight his way against big leads. In the second game Chew led 9-4. In the final game Yong was 0-7 down. He never lost his concentration, however, and fought hard all the way.

CHEW BETTER PLAYER

There is little doubt that on the evening's showing Chew was by far the better player. His most effective stroke last night was an overhead drop played on the forehand from his backhand corner to his opponent's backhand. His short game was so perfect that on several occasions the "bird" literally sat on the top of the net before deciding on which side to fall! He schemed all his coups with great skill and often had Yong worked right out of position when the coup de grace was applied.

Yong did not always have the best of luck but made far more mistakes than Chew. Several of his finest smashes and drops landed a fraction outside the sidelines. He rarely resorted to the smash and relied, for the most part, on deep clearing shots, overhead drops to either side and the short game.

He will now meet Patrick Wong in the semi-final in what should be another fine game.

EARDLEY INCONVENIENCED

It is difficult to understand Bun's action last night. True he conceded Eardley the match but it should not have been left there. Common decency demanded that he should have advised either the Hon. Secretary of the Association or Eardley himself. As it was Eardley took all the trouble of making the trip to King's, at great

inconvenience to himself, and was not advised that Bun was not present until he was changing his shoes preparatory to going on the court.

There were two mixed doubles matches played last night, resulting in victories for P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung and M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva.

RESULTS

Singles

K. L. Yong beat H. F. Chew 8-15, 18-16 and 17-15.

Mixed Doubles

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat T. T. Chin and Miss M. Ding 15-3, 15-5.
P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung beat L. A. Carvalho and Miss O. Ribeiro 15-12, 15-3.

BREACH OF RULES

The rules of the competition were violated in the course of last night's match between Yong and Chew. The players rested about 10 minutes between the first and second games instead of crossing over immediately, and there was an interval of not less than 45 minutes before the final game was played.

The arrangement in both cases was mutual but, if allowed to pass unnoticed by the Association, would set a most unfortunate precedent. In the singles game, as in no other, stamina plays a big part and it is obviously to the advantage of the weaker player physically to have a long break before going on for the final game.

I do not advocate the disqualification of Yong, in the absence of an official umpire last night who would not have allowed this occurrence, but I do feel that the Association should now make it quite clear that the rules in future matches must be abided by.

MUCH WILL DEPEND
ON RECREIO'S TACTICS

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH there is still St. John's to be taken into account, it is generally recognised that this evening's badminton match at King's Park between University and Recreio "A" should more or less decide which of these two teams will win Mixed Doubles division.

With K. L. Yong fit once more both teams will be at full strength and a battle royal is expected.

Recreio have the more experienced team in that the same combinations have operated for years; their ladies are also a long way superior to University's. The latter's men, however, are far better than Recreio's and consequently much will depend on tactics.

VARSITY LOSSES

The strength of a chain lies in its weakest link and if Recreio appreciate this fact and keep the shuttle away from the opposing men, they should win.

University are the holders of the title but have lost two lady members of their championship team in the Misses Josephine Choa and Joyce Anderson. Miss Ulian Khoo, however, is still in residence and she and K. L.

IMPROVED
FORM OF
W. GILLIES

(By "ADREM")

One of the most pleasing features of the current badminton season has been the manner in which St. Andrew's have recovered from a bad start and, with the introduction of no new blood, have emerged from practically the bottom of the Junior League table to now occupy quite a sound position.

Three successive defeats at the outset of their League programme might have been responsible for a falling off in interest. In actual fact they proved just the opposite. Result is a gradual improvement in form of all their players and recent victories over such powerful teams as St. John's and St. Teresa's.

Most notable improvement has been achieved by Bill Gillies, who is now in charge of the team. One of the most enthusiastic players in the Colony, Gillies recently joined Kowloon Cricket Club in order to have increased facilities for practice and he spends most of his leisure hours on that fine court with anyone keen enough to play.

IMPROVEMENT

This application to the game has been reflected in his performances in the Junior singles championship, in which he is considered to have an excellent chance of reaching the final. It has also resulted in the vast improvement in his combination with A. E. Brown in the League. This pair, on their recent form, I would now rank above E. F. Fincher and H. Kew, who have been mainstays of the side since badminton was introduced at St. Andrew's. The latter pair, while not being as fast about the court as they used to be, are still a formidable proposition for any pair in the League and it is a rare occasion when they fail to win at least two games.

A. E. P. Guest and A. S. Bliss have been somewhat disappointing and, after quite a number of appearances together, have still failed to work up an understanding. Guest is inclined to be inconsistent in his positioning and is consequently difficult to partner, while Bliss has gone right off in his smashing, once the most impressive feature of his game.

St. Andrew's have already lost four games and consequently have no chance of winning the championship but I shall be surprised if they lose many more matches and fail to finish in the first four.

Their example might well be observed by several other teams, who have lost all interest in the League after a couple of disappointing results, and merely go on to complete their fixtures as a formality.

Yong are almost certain to win three games. Recreio, therefore, will be required to ensure that P. S. Bun and Miss J. Hung, and P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo do not win two games between them. Miss Hung played occasionally last season but Miss Khoo, I understand, only took up the game this year and is still somewhat green and so this task should not be beyond Recreio's capabilities.

But, as I remarked earlier, much will depend on the ability of the King's Park team to avoid the University men.

Following are the teams:—
Recreio "A"—Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira; Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios; Miss M. Ribeiro and L. A. Carvalho.
University—P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo; P. S. Bun and Miss J. Hung; K. L. Yong and Miss Ulian Khoo.

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"World Affairs" and Other London Relays

6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—A Little White Gardenia (film 'All The King's Horses'); Be Careful, Young Lady (film 'All The King's Horses')....Art Kassel & His Kassels-In-The-Air.
Waltz—One Life, One Love.
Tango—Beside My Caravan....The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I May Be Wrong; Chase The Blues Away....Chick Webb & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Mama Don't Allow It; Woe-Is Me....Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Waltzes—Waltz of My Heart (from 'The Dancing Years'); I Can Give You The Starlight (from 'The Dancing Years')....New Mayfair Orch.
Fox-Trots—Good For Nothin' But Love; Patty Cake, Patty Cake....

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Tangos—Suplicio; Yo Sere Como Tu Queiras....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Easter Parade (film 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'); Say it with Music (film 'Alexander's Ragtime Band')....Henry King & His Orchestra.

6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—Musical Hits of Thirty, Forty and Fifty Years Ago.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Brahms—Concerto in B Flat Major, Op. 83. Artur Schnabel (Piano) and The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
8.50 p.m.—Studio—Talk on Psychology by Father G. Byrne, S.J.—5: My Dog's Feelings and Mine.
9.02 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
"Ruddigore"—Selection (Sullivan, arr. Winterbottom).
"The Sorcerer"—Selection (Sullivan).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".
9.45 p.m.—A Classical Request Programme.
Gavotte ("Mignon"—Thomas)....Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
Bell Song ('Lakme'—Delibes)....Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with

Classical Request Programme

Orchestra.
"The Barber of Seville"—Ov (Rossini)....Philharmonic-phony Orchestra of New cond. by Arturo Toscanini.
Prologue to "I Pagliacci" (Le vallo)—A word allow me; B to prate....Mario Basiola (tone) and Members of La Orchestra, Milan.
"Cavalleria Rusticana"—Inter (Mascagni)....New Light-phony Orchestra.
Your Tiny Hand is Frozen ("L heme"—Puccini); Heavenly-divine Aida ("Aida"—Verd Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) with Canzonetta (D'Ambrosio)....A Campoli & His Salon Orches
"The Three Men" Suite Coates)—1. The Man from Country; 2. The Man about 3. The Man from the Sea... Symphony Orchestra cond. b Composer.
Waltz In A Flat Major (Br... Isolde Menges (Violin) Piano accomp.
Lullaby, Op. 49, No. 4 (Brahms Elisabeth Schumann (Sop with Orchestra.
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To-day's hand illustrates one of our favourite plays. Playing a contract of seven diamonds, it appears at first glance that South would have to take a heart finesse. However, Declarer remembered that West had made a vulnerable overcall and would therefore probably hold the heart King. Taking further stock of his resources, he observed that if trumps were divided, the finesse would be unnecessary as dummy could be utilized as the "trump extractor." Here is how it was done:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
♠ A 7 5 2
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ K J 9
♣ Q 10
♠ K Q J 10
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 6 3
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S
♠ 9 8 6 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ 9 5 4
♠ 4
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 10 8 3
♣ A K J 8 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 1♠ 1NT Pass
3♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
7♠ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the spade King. Dummy won, then South trumped a spade. A club was played to dummy, then Declarer trumped a second spade. This process was repeated with South trumping dummy's last spade with his Ace. Declarer now held but two trumps, whereas dummy's three were still intact.

Now dummy was used to extract the trumps, South discarding his low heart on the third round. Declarer's heart Ace and his remaining clubs then took the rest of the tricks.

Neither side was vulnerable yesterday. You were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ A K x x x
♥ x
♦ K x
♣ K x x x x
The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Burnstone You
4♥ DM. Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid to pass. Your partner's double is for business, and you should garner a substantial penalty. On the other hand, if you bid four spades, you may run into bad distribution and be set.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for four spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 359

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ K J 6 5
♦ K x x
♣ x x
The bidding:
Mater You Jacoby Burnstone
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass
What do you lead? (Answer tomorrow.)

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PRESENTATION TO OFFICIAL OF R.A.O.B.

A very pleasant function took place at the R.A.O.B. Club last night after the Annual General meeting when a presentation was made to Mr. Cairns on the eve of his marriage.

In asking Mr. Matthews, oldest member, to make the presentation, Mr. R. R. Smith, chairman, said the gift was from all members of the club and the boys, which showed the esteem in which Mr. Cairns was held. It was due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Cairns that the Club was so successful.

WANG CHING-WEI AND WIFE "HONOURED"

Chungking, To-day.
The tomb of an Unknown Soldier, with iron statues of Wang Ching-wei and his wife in a kneeling position in front of it, is to be erected in Chungking.

The Yu Chien Iron Mining Com-

KALLIO MESSAGE TO HOOVER

Stockholm, To-day.
President Kallio of Finland, telegram to ex-President Herbert Hoover thanking him for the help Finland by the Hoover Relief Committee, states that the civil population of the ceded regions would be transferred to the Finnish Republic.

Mr. Hoover in reply expressed American people's deep sympathy and said his organization would co-operate to do all it could for the benefit of the Finnish people. — Reuter.

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Inland Lot No. 5757.	Blue Pool Road	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 64,500	\$1,523
									\$23,800



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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuiipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	N. Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2770.	Junction of Yen Chou Street and Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuiipo.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per Sale Plan	About 5,760	\$108
									\$11,520



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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Castle Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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RALLY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
AFTER A QUIET SESSION SOME EVIDENCE OF A RALLYING TENDENCY WAS VISIBLE IN THE FINAL STAGES ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE YESTERDAY.

Gilt-edged securities closed above the day's lowest while home rails recovered to round about the opening levels.

An early decline in Indian Government bonds was halted during the afternoon.

Among the commodities, rubber and tin were easier, mainly owing to U.S. consumers holding off as requirements are believed to have been covered.

Rubber was further depressed by liquidation.

Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

FALSE STORY OF A SUICIDE ATTEMPT

After his rescue from the water, Chan Fuk-sang, 23, who tried to commit suicide yesterday, told the police that he had been robbed of \$51 and pushed into the water by the robbers at Holt's Wharf.

Following investigation by Det.-Sgt. Nolan, he was charged with giving false information. Mr. Himsforth bound him over and ordered him to be sent back to the country.

BIG HAUL ELUDES SNATCH-THIEF

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Fo, 25, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when he was found guilty of the theft of \$1,232.20

NAZI INTRIGUE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE POLISH WHITE PAPER REVEALS THAT A JOINT ATTACK BY GERMANY AND POLAND UPON THE SOVIET UKRAINE WAS FIRST SUGGESTED BY GENERAL GOERING TO FIELD-MARSHAL PILSUDSKI IN 1935. THE POLES REJECTED THE INVITATION.

The same venture was raised by Herr Hitler personally during a conversation with Colonel Beck, of which Col. Beck gives a full account.

Hitler promised that in return for Poland's aid, all German claims upon Poland would be dropped.—Reuter.

JUNK CAUGHT IN A PROHIBITED AREA

For entering the North Lantau Channel yesterday, seven junkmen were each fined \$5, or five days' imprisonment, by Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning.

The Channel is a prohibited and controlled area.

MAYOR OF TINGHAI WOUNDED

Shanghai, To-day.
Chen Chian, Mayor of Tinghai, in east Chekiang, and his wife were recently attacked by unidentified men and seriously wounded, says the "Sin Wan Pao".—Reuter.

from a Chinese woman in Queen's Road Central yesterday.

Det. Sergt. Brooks said the woman was walking in the street with the money wrapped in a parcel. Defendant snatched the parcel from behind.

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2nd Battery—5 p.m. Wednesday 10th April to 8.30 a.m. Thursday 11th April.

3rd Battery—4.30 p.m. Wednesday 10th April to 8.30 a.m. Thursday 11th.

4th Battery—5 p.m. Tuesday 9th April to 8.30 a.m. Wednesday 10th April.

5th A. A. Battery—5 p.m. Wednesday 10th April to 8.30 a.m. Thursday 11th April.

Field Coy Engineers—Certain periods between 8th and 12th April.

Corps Signals—As detailed on Tuesday 9th or Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th April from 2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

No. 1 Company—2 p.m. Wednesday 10th April to 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, 10th April.

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No. 3 Company—2 p.m. Wednesday 10th April to 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 10th April.

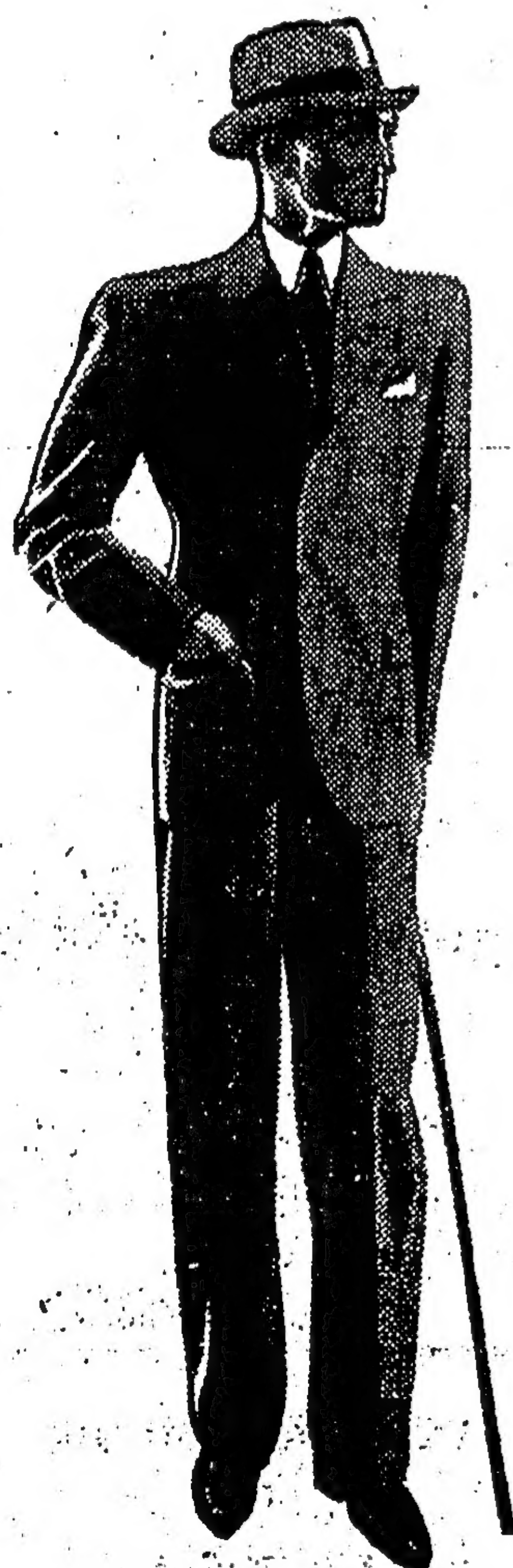
No. 4 Company—2 p.m. Tuesday, 9th April to 9.30 p.m. Tuesday, 9th April.

No. 5 Company—2 p.m. Thursday 11th April to 7.30 p.m. Thursday, 11th April.

No. 6 Company—2 p.m. Wednesday, 10th April to 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, 10th April.

No. 7 Company—2 p.m. Tuesday, 9th April to 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, 9th April.

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